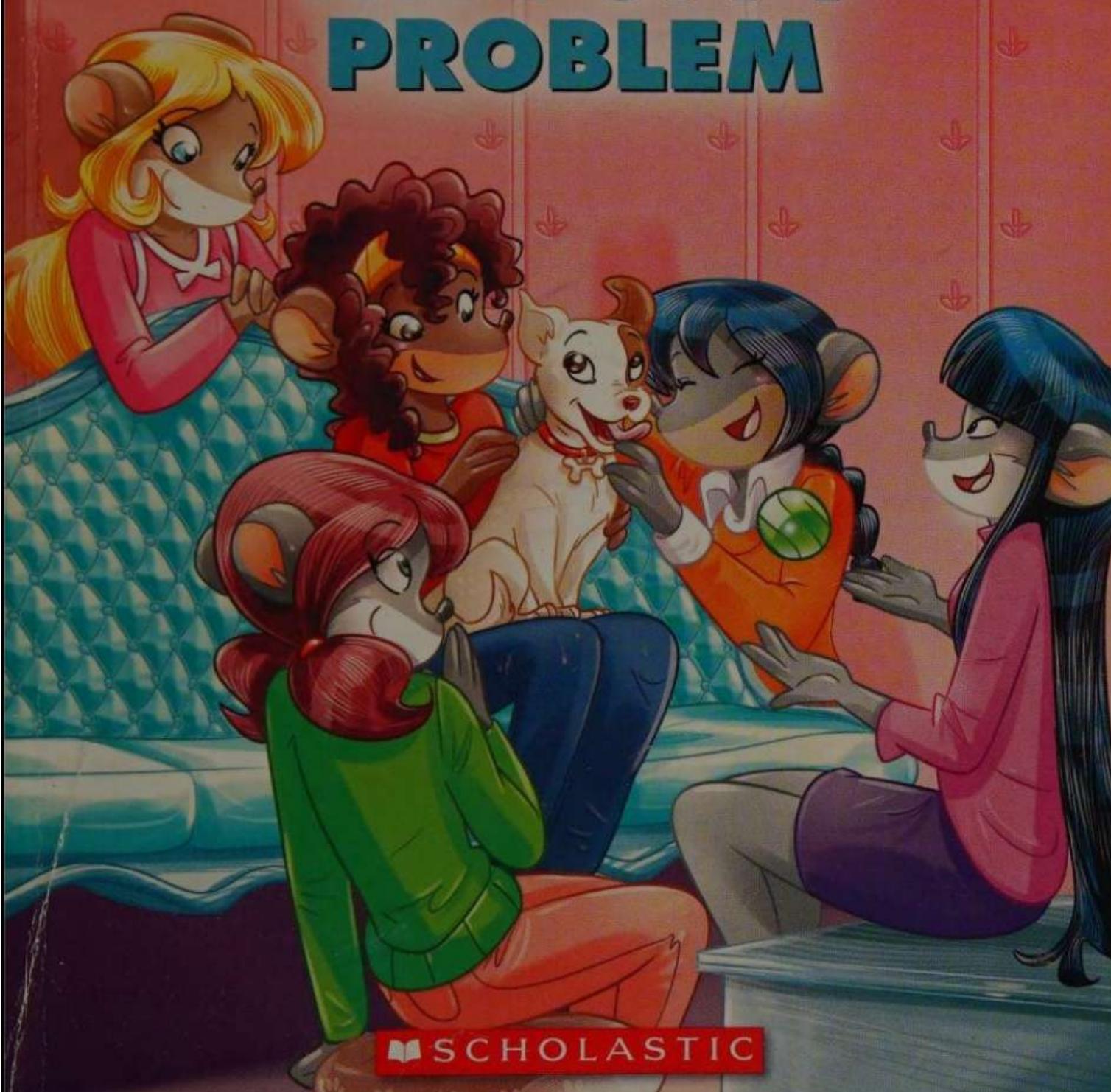




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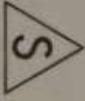
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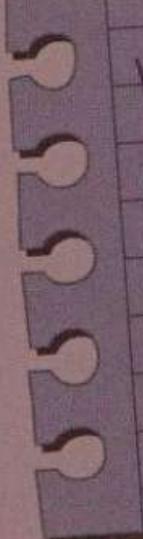
Hi, I'm Thea Stilton, Geronimo Stilton's sister! I am a special reporter for The Rodent's Gazette, the most famous newspaper on Mouse Island. I love traveling and meeting new mice all over the world, like the Thea Sisters. These five friends have helped me out with my adventures. Let me introduce you to these fabumouse young mice!



*Colette* has a real passion for fashion. She loves to design her own clothes in her favorite color, pink.



*Violet* loves studying and learning new things. She is a fan of classical music and dreams of becoming a famouse violinist someday.





Pamela loves pizza so much she eats it for breakfast. She is a skilled mechanic who can fix just about any motor she gets her paws on.



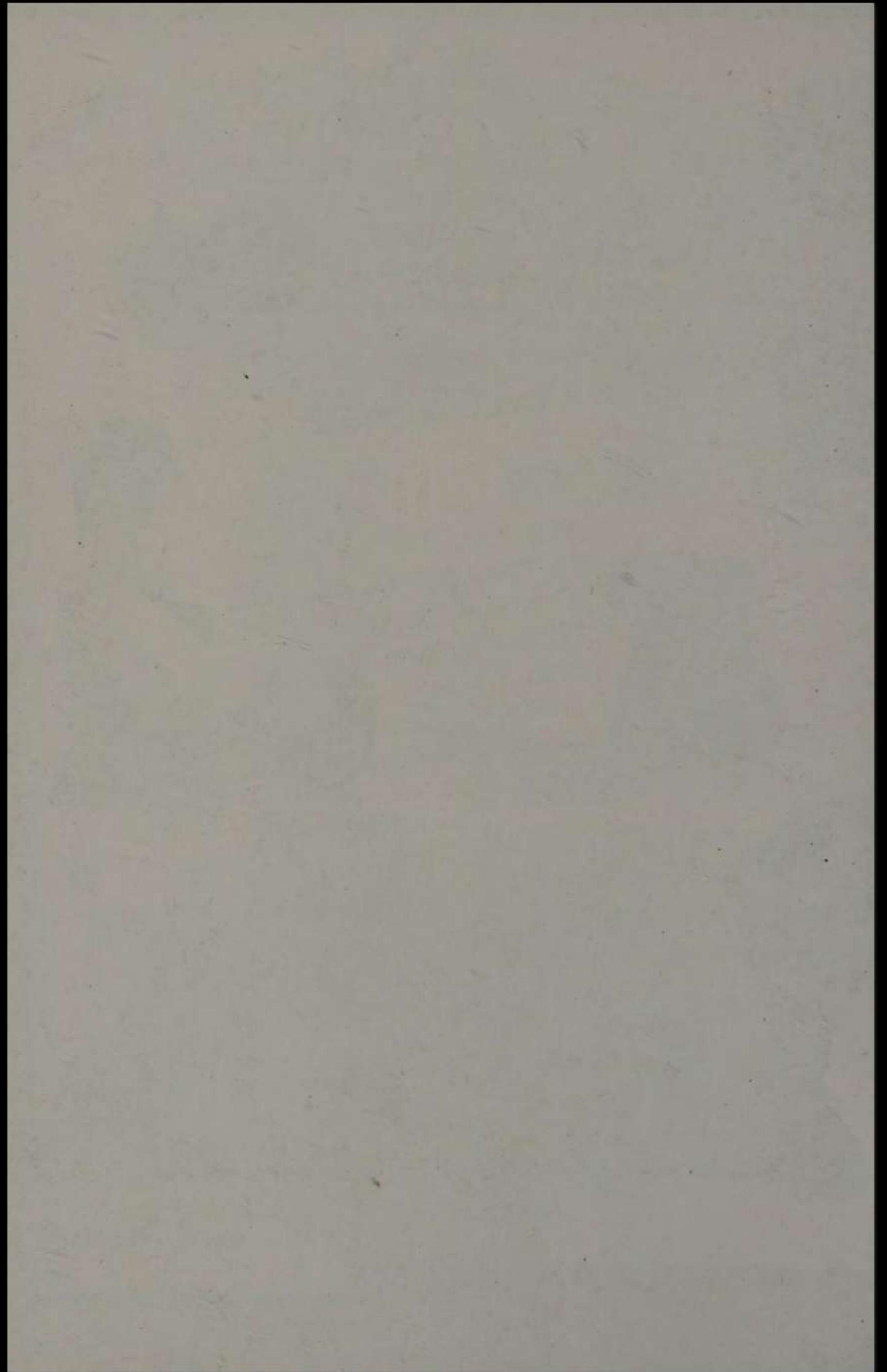
PAULINA is shy and loves to read about faraway places. But she loves traveling to those places even more.



Nicky is from the Australian Outback, where she developed a love of nature and the environment. This outdoors-loving mouse is always on the move.



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# A DIFFICULT ASSIGNMENT

Inside a classroom at Whale Island's **FASHION ACADEMY**, the Thea Sisters were hard at work on a **challenging** assignment. The five mice were students at Mouseford Academy, but they had enrolled in a special course at the fashion institute because it was being taught by the famous **DESIGNER** Tom Look! This particular afternoon, the **THEA SISTERS** wouldn't let anything or anyone distract them from their task.





In fact, the five friends were working on a project that had kept them glued to their seats for several hours.

That morning, Tom Look had divided his students into teams and assigned them to draw some **sketches** based on a theme.

“Each group must design a collection of clothing with the title ‘**A Touch of Sparkle**,’” the designer had explained. “I don’t need to tell you that I expect to see work that really **shines!**”

The Thea Sisters had been working in almost complete silence: All you could hear in the room was the sound of **pencils** quickly sketching on paper.

The mouselets had to present a collection of evening wear that **SPARKLED LIKE THE STARS**, and they were determined to give it their all, as always. At the moment,



though, things weren't going quite as well as they'd hoped.

"Can you pass me the **eraser**, please?" Paulina asked Violet.

Violet lifted her snout up from her **DRAWING** and glanced at her friend's paper. It showed a sketch of a dress with a wispy skirt covered in **TINY SPANGLES**.

"Are you sure you need the eraser?" she





asked Paulina. “Your sketch is really beautiful!”

Paulina sighed. “I’m not sure what to do! If I add more sequins, it seems **too overdone**. But if I don’t add them, it seems like something’s missing . . .”

“I’m having trouble, too,” Pamela said as she twirled a **curl** of fur around her finger.

“This evening gown looks more like a **HALLOWEEN** costume!”

A moment later, Violet also seemed to be losing her cool.



"Rats!" she huffed in frustration. "It's useless! I can't **decide**: long sleeves or short sleeves? Sequins or beads?"

Colette looked at her friends, surprised.

What was happening?  
It wasn't like them to get  
discouraged like this!

"Mouselets, don't let it get you down!" she squeaked. "Sometimes things don't work out on the first try, but I'm sure we'll figure it out!" She smiled to encourage them. Then she turned to the only one of her **friends** who still hadn't said anything. "What do you think, Nicky?"

"Nicky?!" Paulina chimed in as well when she saw her friend looking out the window, a **worried** expression on her snout.

"I think we should get **back** to Mouseford quickly, before this **storm** starts!" Nicky exclaimed, pointing to the sky.

The Thea Sisters had been so caught up in their **work** that they hadn't realized that **BIG BLACK CLOUDS** were forming right above **Whale Island!**



Look!





# AN UNEXPECTED DOWNPOUR

“Well, it definitely could’ve been worse!” Colette said, sitting on her bed and looking at their **sketches** in her room at Mouseford Academy.

Luckily, their designs hadn’t been damaged by the **terrible storm** that had broken out that afternoon. The Thea Sisters had been able to protect their sketches while running back to the academy through the **pouring rain**. But on the way, they’d all gotten completely soaked, from their heads to their tails!

“It’s nothing a **hot** shower and some fur drying and brushing can’t fix!” Colette exclaimed as she wrapped her hair in a towel.



After her **shower**, Violet carried a tray with a **flowery** teapot and tea cups on it into the room where her friends had gathered.

"We just need one more thing to get back on our paws: some nice, **relaxing tea!**" she said.

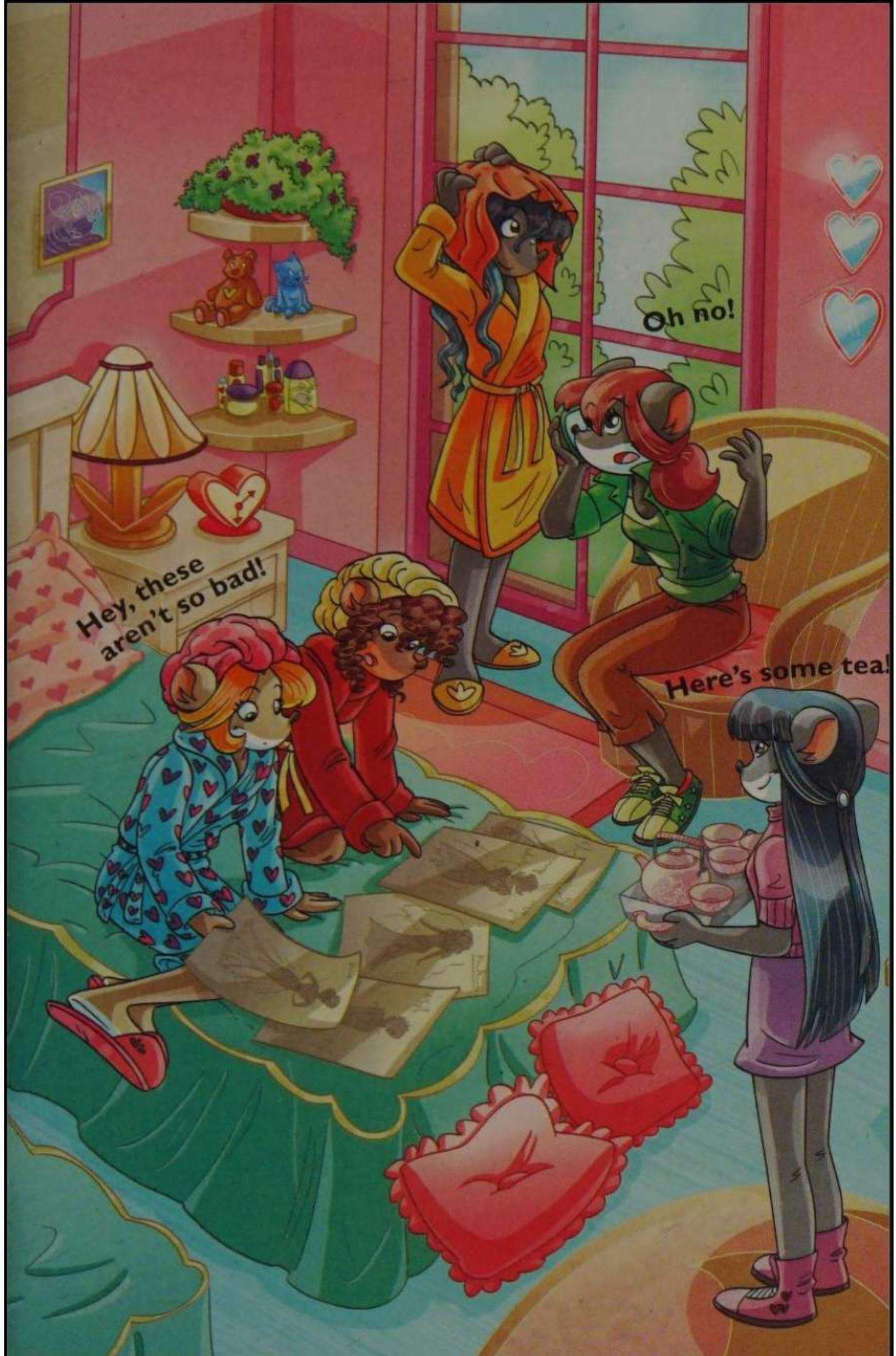
Everyone sipped their tea as they looked over the sketches again.

**Ring! Ring!**

Nicky's phone **interrupted** the quiet scene. The mouselet answered, and a worried look crossed her snout.

**"Oh no! What a disaster!"** she cried, making her friends scurry closer. They saw her nod her head repeatedly. "Of course you can **count on** us. We'll be right there!"

As soon as Nicky hung up the phone,





Paulina asked, “**WELL, WHO WAS IT?**  
**DON’T KEEP US IN SUSPENSE!**”

“It was Dr. Ollie from **Pawsome Pets**, the animal clinic,” Nicky replied. “The storm **damaged** part of the roof right in the area where the animals are! I **PROMISED** we would get there as soon as possible to help.”



The Thea Sisters looked at each other thoughtfully.

Dr. Ollie was a **kind** veterinarian who worked at Whale Island's animal clinic. She was very passionate about her work there, and the Thea Sisters had helped out with the **animals** before.

The mice were all in agreement. Colette, Pamela, Violet, and Paulina leaped up and exclaimed:

**“Let’s go!”**



## A TEMPORARY SOLUTION

When the Thea Sisters arrived at Dr. Ollie's clinic, the **CLOUDS** were dispersing, and a bit of sun was starting to poke through.

But the situation at **Pawsome Pets** was far from resolved. Some of the roof tiles had shifted because of the rain and the strong wind, and others had fallen, leaving holes in the building.

Despite the building's condition, Dr. Ollie greeted the mice with a **smile**. "Thanks for coming!"

"Of course!" Colette exclaimed as she gave her a **hug**. "You know we're always ready to help you and your animals!"

Dr. Ollie **grinned**. She began to explain



her plan of action to get the pets safe, even if only temporarily. "Madame Juliet offered to host the animals in part of her villa until the roof is **fixed**."

"**WOW, THAT'S FANTASTIC!**" Paulina exclaimed.





The elderly French mouse was a longtime resident of Whale Island and a great **animal lover**, and she had offered to transform part of her villa into a new location for the **Pawsome Pets** animals. The villa was right next to the clinic, so it was a perfect solution.

Hello,  
mouselets!



Just then the five friends saw **Madame Juliet** in her garden.

Nicky greeted her right away. “Dr. Ollie told us that you’re giving some of the rooms in your villa to these **animals!**” she squeaked.

“That’s so generous of you!”

“Oh, it’s the least I could do,” Madame Juliet replied with a sweet smile. “And



with your help, I'm sure Dr. Ollie will be able to repair the clinic!"

"The rooms at the villa aren't **SET UP** like a real clinic, but they'll surely be better than the clinic right now," Dr. Ollie observed. Then she ushered the Thea Sisters inside to show them the damage.

When they reached Dr. Ollie's **office**, the five mouselets' eyes were wide with shock. There were **cracks** in the ceiling, and the last drops of rain were still dripping, though the **storm** had ended. Dr. Ollie had put all the buckets and basins she could find on the floor to try to catch the water and lessen the damage.

"We'll begin **work** on the clinic as soon as possible," Madame Juliet explained. "But first we have to get all the **animals** settled in my warm home. We need to make



sure they all have dry, comfortable spots."

## "Where should we start?"

Nicky asked, rolling up her sleeves.

"With them!" Dr. Ollie replied, pointing to a cat and some kittens in a basket, and three small **rabbits** in a spacious cage.

Let's go,  
little ones!

It's moving day!

"We certainly didn't need such a bad **storm** right now," the veterinarian continued. "Especially when special guests are about to arrive . . ."

**"WHAT  
SPECIAL  
GUESTS?"**





the Thea Sisters squeaked, curious.

Dr. Ollie winked at them. "You'll see!"

At that moment, the **doorbell rang**.

The veterinarian ran to open the door.

"Here they are!" she called out.

The mouselets exchanged a surprised glance.

"First Dr. Ollie didn't tell us she was expecting

**MYSTERIOUS  
GUESTS**,

and now they're already here?" Nicky asked. "I wonder who they are!"

**Surprise!**





# FOUR VERY SPECIAL FRIENDS

The Thea Sisters waited a moment but couldn't contain themselves for long. They quietly peeked into the clinic's **waiting room**.

Dr. Ollie was talking to a mouse holding an **animal carrier**.

"Oh no, I'm so sorry about what happened to the roof!" he said. "If you want, I can find another place for these **little guys**." He looked down at the carrier, where several small animals with dark fur were moving around.

"Don't worry, Rob!" Dr. Ollie replied. "I'll take good care of these four **rascals**." She took the carrier from him and



headed straight to Madame Juliet's villa.

"Come on, mouselets!" she called to the Thea Sisters. "Let's get these new guests settled at the villa!"

The Thea Sisters **scampered** after her eagerly.

Once they were settled in Madame Juliet's living room, Dr. Ollie pulled the critters out of the carrier.

"So, what do you **think**?" Madame Juliet asked with a smile. She was clearly in on the **surprise**.

We want to meet them!





“But they’re **RACCOONS!**” Colette squeaked.

The four gray-and-black creatures sniffed **curiously** around in a basket in Madame Juliet’s living room.

“Ooooh, they’re **so cute!**” Violet and Pam both squealed.

Nicky and Paulina exchanged **confused** looks.

“What are raccoons doing here?!” Nicky asked.

“Whale Island certainly isn’t their **natural habitat**,” Paulina observed. She and Nicky shared a passion for **nature**. The pair were members of the **Green Mice**, an environmental organization devoted to conservation efforts.

“You’re right,” Dr. Ollie said. “I was **surprised** when my friend Rob told me





he had found **RACCOONS** on his farm. Maybe they arrived on the island because they **snuck** onto a boat." She quickly grabbed a raccoon that was trying to sneak out of the basket.

"Or maybe someone thought they would bring them here as **pets** and then changed their mind," Madame Juliet added.

"Well, raccoons may seem very sweet and nice, **but they aren't pets!**" Nicky exclaimed. "They're wild animals."

Dr. Ollie nodded in agreement. "That's why I asked Rob to bring them here to the clinic. I found a **wildlife reserve** that can take them in, but not for a few days. I'm happy to care for them until then. But the problem is that these **rascals** need a lot of attention, and with all that has happened, it's going to be a **challenge** making this work."



“*Don't worry,*” Colette reassured her. “You worry about the raccoons, and we'll make sure to get all the other animals settled in their **temporary homes** in the villa.”

“Yes, thanks to you mouselets, we'll have lots of extra paws!” Madame Juliet agreed. “And I'll help, too.”

“I don't know what I would do without loyal **friends** like all of you!” Dr. Ollie exclaimed emotionally. Just then a **small raccoon** tried to slip into the pocket of her jacket, and everyone **BURST OUT** in cheerful laughter.

*Hey...watch it!*





The Thea Sisters and Madame Juliet spent the whole afternoon bringing animals from the clinic to the safety of the **warm** and **cozy** villa. Aside from the **RABBITS** and **cats**, they also brought over a scared hamster, two lively goldfish, a **CANARY**, and a pair of homing pigeons.

After checking the stable to make sure it wasn't damaged, they fed the **COW** and three **goats** that were staying there.

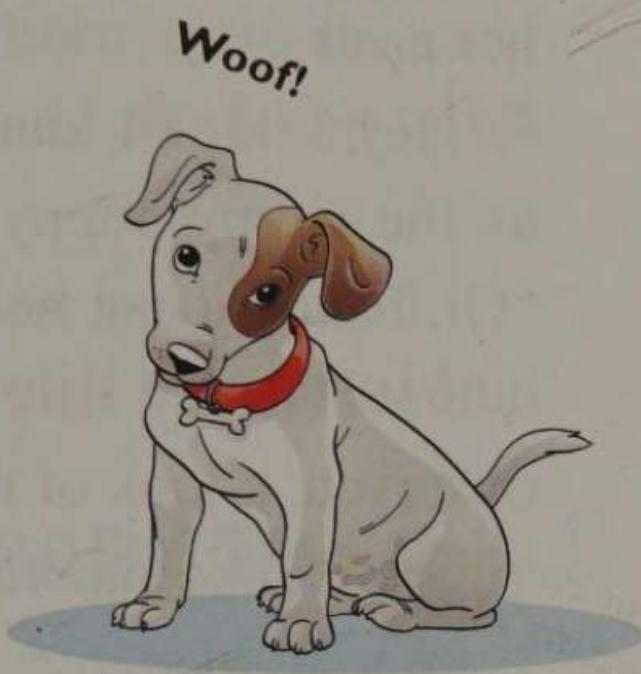
Finally, they were finished. The five friends breathed sighs of relief after the job was done. They were about to let themselves get some **well-deserved rest** when Madame Juliet ran up to them, breathless.

"I can't find Jackie!" she squeaked, throwing aside curtains and pillows and looking under the furniture.

"Who's Jackie?" Violet asked.



"He's a Jack Russell terrier puppy with a **brown** spot over his eye," Madame Juliet answered. "He's very playful, but he has the worst habit of running off and hiding. I think the storm and the confusion must have **SCARED** him."



After checking that he wasn't hiding in the house, the Thea Sisters headed outside with Madame Juliet to look for **Jackie**. They called him again and again and scoured the yard, looking in all the **bushes** and the **flower beds**.

The mice were starting to get worried. But as Paulina was looking through a hydrangea



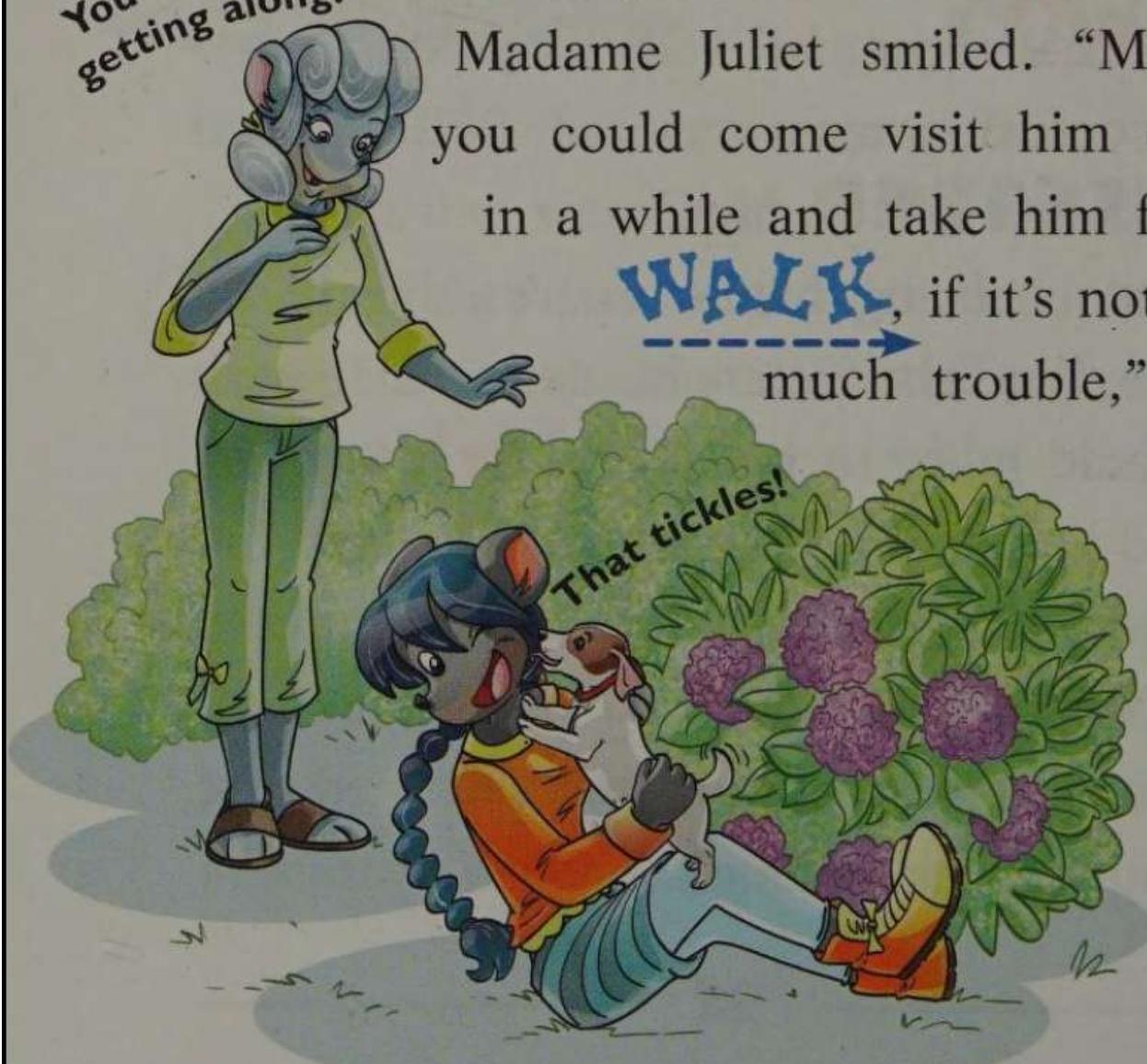
bush, a **ball of fur** suddenly jumped into her arms.

"Hey, I think I found him!" she called out as the happy puppy **licked** her snout.  
"Or, I should say, he found me!"

"**He really likes you,**" Madame Juliet observed, a look of relief on her snout.

*You two are getting along!* "I like him, too!" Paulina **chuckled**.

Madame Juliet smiled. "Maybe you could come visit him once in a while and take him for a **WALK**, if it's not too much trouble," she





said. "We're trying to find him a family, but so far, no one has been up to the task. Such a lively puppy needs **A LOT OF ATTENTION!**"

Paulina nodded, petting Jackie's head.

"Of course I'll come visit him — I would be glad to!" she replied.

In response, Jackie **BARKED** happily, wagging his tail.

Just then Dr. Ollie came out of the villa with one of the **tiny raccoons** in her paw. "Thank you for everything, mouselets!" she called to the Thea Sisters. "Now, please go! It's almost **EVENING**, and I don't want you to be **late** for dinner on my account."

The five friends looked up. The **SUN** was setting, and the sky was streaked with **pink**.



“Oh, it’s really late!” Colette exclaimed.  
“We need to get back to **SCHOOL** right away!”

“Yes, we need to finish our assignment for the **FASHION ACADEMY**.” Violet sighed, a worried look on her snout. In all the excitement, the mouselets had forgotten they still had work to do!



# AN UNFAIR TRICK

Meanwhile, at Mouseford Academy there was someone else who had spent the afternoon away from her **work** — but for a very different reason than the Thea Sisters.

“Isn’t this **nutrient-filled fur spray** exceptional?” Ruby said, ruffling her shiny, full head of fur.

“It is! And this **refreshing Face mask** is nothing short of fantastic.” Alicia sighed happily, rubbing a layer of **green cream** on her face.

Zoe nodded as she sprayed perfume. “It was really nice of your





mom to send us these **samples** from her latest cosmetic line!"

Ruby was the daughter of the famouse businessmouse Rebecca Flashyfur, who specialized in high-end **beauty products**. Ruby smiled at her reflection in the mirror.

"Spending the afternoon pampering ourselves with lotions, creams, and **makeup** has really been relaxing!" Connie observed. "But I still don't understand what you plan on doing for the assignment Tom Look gave us."

Ruby just laughed. "Don't worry, Connie," she said confidently. "These fabumouse cosmetics aren't the only **gift** I asked my mom for. If I'm not mistaken, Alan should be here any minute with another package for us!"



And, in fact, a moment later Alan, Ruby's **assistant**, appeared at the door.

"Straight from the office of **Rebecca Flashyfur!**" he said, pawing Ruby a **package**.





Without even thanking him, Ruby **grabbed** it out of his paw and slammed the door in his face. Alicia, Zoe, and Connie approached, **curious**.

Then Ruby opened the package and pulled out **sketches** of mice wearing four very elegant evening gowns!

**“WOW!”** Zoe exclaimed.

“They’re really beautiful!” Connie added.





“One of my mom’s famouse designer friends made them, taking inspiration from the sparkles of **PRECIOUS STONES**,” Ruby said. “We’ll definitely get the highest grades!”

The dresses the designer had sketched were very **SPARKLY**: the first was as red as a **ruby**, the second one was green like an **emerald**, and the third one was a **sapphire** blue.

Ruby gave them to her friends, keeping the fourth — and prettiest — sketch for herself. It showed a white dress that lit up like a **DIAMOND**.

“Now, mouselets,” Ruby continued, “we can keep making ourselves pretty for

**TOMORROW’S TRIUMPH!**



## A DISAPPOINTING TEST

As Ruby and her friends spent the evening putting on beauty **masks** and **creams**, the Thea Sisters were busy trying to finish their designs in time.

"Cheese and crackers!" Paulina exclaimed, **discouraged**. She looked at her half-finished design in dismay. "We'll never manage it!"

Pam erased her pencil marks for what felt like the millionth time. "Paulina's right — there's not enough time!" she said. "And my **DRAWING** is a disaster."

Violet yawned. "I'm exhausted. And when I'm tired, my **ideas** get jumbled in my mind, and everything seems so ugly."





“We can’t show up at the **FASHION ACADEMY** empty-pawed,” Colette urged.

“Come on, sisters, let’s give it our all!”

“Yeah, we have to try!” Pam said, trying to hold back a **yawn**. “Even if my paw is starting to **fall asleep** from all this sketching. In fact, I wouldn’t mind falling asleep myself . . .”

So the five friends **drew** and **erased** and **DREW** until they collapsed from exhaustion.

The next day, they entered the Fashion Academy classroom **full of doubt**. Not a single one of them was happy with her work. If only they had had a little more time.

Paulina sighed. “Sometimes you feel **guilty** even when you know you did the right thing!”

Pam nodded. “It’s true,” she agreed.



"We couldn't leave Dr. Ollie alone after that **storm**! But you're right, I feel a little guilty, too, for having neglected my homework."

"Maybe if we **explain** to Tom Look what happened yesterday, he would give us one more day to **complete** the assignment," Colette proposed.

Silence,  
students!

But right at that moment, the **DESIGNER** entered the room and exclaimed, "Silence, students! Everyone in their seats. Today I will **grade** your 'Touch of Sparkle' assignments. You all have your sketches, right? Just so you know, I will not accept any **excuses** or justifications for

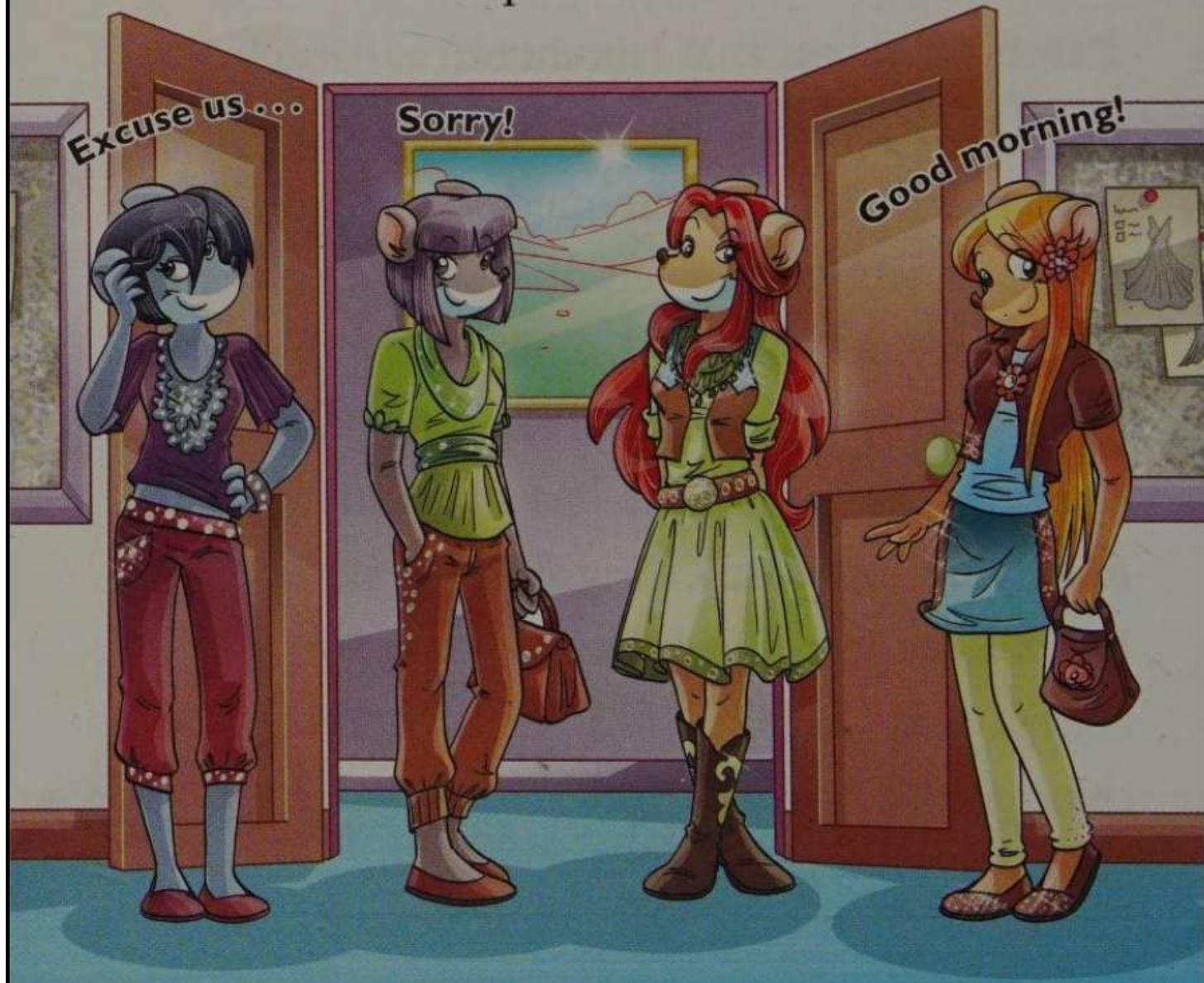




your work. The sketches must speak for themselves.”

“Cheese niblets! Things **aren't looking too good** for us,” Nicky whispered as she took her seat.

Ruby and her friends **E N T E R E D** the room at the last minute, right in time to avoid a reprimand from Tom Look.





As everyone knew, he cared very much about punctuality and didn't tolerate **LATENESS**.

It was clearly an entrance for dramatic effect. The Ruby Crew had chosen to wear outfits covered in **sequins** and **rhinestones** to keep with the theme of the day: "A Touch of Sparkle." Their afternoon of beauty care had really given them extra confidence. You couldn't say the same for the Thea Sisters, who were exhausted after staying up **late** to finish the assignment.

"You look terrible!" Ruby said to Colette. "Is it because you're stressed? I know that not everyone is a natural **fashion expert** like me!"

Colette ignored the **NASTY** comment. She knew Ruby was just trying to provoke her.



Tom Look called the groups up one by one. When he saw the Ruby Crew's designs, he gave one of his very rare **smiles**.

"I am very impressed!" he said. "You mice have really done an **impeccable job**."

As she went back to her seat, Ruby gave Colette a **satisfied** look. And she was

Hmm, this isn't right!

Oh no ...

Eeeek!





even more satisfied when Tom Look saw the Thea Sisters' **sketches** and his smile disappeared completely.

"No, this isn't what I was looking for," the designer said. "I'm afraid these sketches lack **energy**. They don't communicate anything, and they aren't even polished. There's too much **glitter** over here and too little over here. Mouselets, **creativity** doesn't mean putting the first idea that comes to you down on paper. It means working, reflecting carefully, and being patient. I'm afraid I have no choice but to give you a **low grade** this time."

The Thea Sisters returned to their seats, defeated. But it wasn't like them to **GIVE UP** in the face of difficulty: they would certainly find a way to **overcome** this setback!



# UNEXPECTED HELP

Colette hesitated for a moment as she stood in front of the door to Tom Look's office.

**"come on, coco, we need to at least try!"** Pam said with an encouraging smile. "You can do it."

Paulina, Violet, and Nicky nodded. Colette took a **deep breath** and knocked.

Tom Look greeted them with a severe look. "If you want me to rethink your **GRADE**, you're wasting your time!" he said.

Colette shook her snout.

"No, we know we **deserved** it," she explained. "But we wanted to tell you that we really **CARE** about doing better, and we'd like to make up for it."

UNEXPECTED

HELP



Paulina cut in, adding, "We wanted to do a good job, but then the storm **BROKE OUT** and the animal clinic was in trouble, and the **animals** needed us . . ."

Tom Look interrupted her with a confused





expression. “Excuse me, mouselets, I don’t understand at all,” he said. “**What animals? What clinic?** And what does that have to do with the assignment I gave you?”

Pam looked at her friends to gather her courage, then stepped forward and responded. “The **roof** of the Pawsome Pets animal clinic was damaged by the storm yesterday afternoon. Our friend Dr. Ollie is the vet there, and she asked us to help her. We did, but then we lost track of time and were not able to do our best on the assignment.”

Tom Look nodded seriously. “I understand. Well, that was a **nice gesture** on your part, but if you think that that will change my mind about your grade, you are mistaken.”

Colette shook her snout “We don’t want to **change your mind**, but we do care



about explaining what happened, and we want to know how we can **make up for it.**"

Tom Look studied the Thea Sisters in silence. "Okay, it seems **FAIR** to give you the chance to make it up. And you actually just gave me a **SPLENDID IDEA** for how to do it," he continued. "First, tell me more about this animal clinic."

The five mice didn't hesitate. They **enthusiastically** told him about Dr. Ollie's devotion to the animals at the clinic, and about how **Madame Juliet** had made space for the animals at her villa while the clinic was being fixed.

"Well, it seems like these mice you speak of, Dr. Ollie and Madame Juliet, are really **SPECIAL**," Tom Look commented, "And they carry out their responsibilities with



**passion** and **dedication**. This is surely something that deserves to be rewarded.”

“How?” the Thea Sisters squeaked, their eyes sparkling.

“You know, fashion isn’t just **luxury** and **frivolity**! Fashion is also a tool to call attention to important topics and lend **real help** to those who are fighting for a good cause,” Tom Look explained. “Mouselets, you just gave me an idea for the **NExT ASSiGNMENT** for the Fashion Academy. But first, I want to meet Dr. Ollie and Madame Juliet!”

The Thea Sisters looked at one another in **surprise**. Then they headed straight back to Mouseford so they could call Dr. Ollie and set up an appointment.

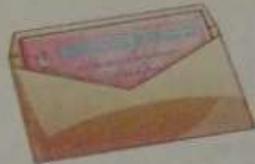
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Remember  
to buy food  
for the goats!

8:30	walk Jackie
9:00	hamster check-up
9:30	appointment with Tom Look
11:00	check on the kittens
11:45	medications





## Tom Look's IDEA

Dr. Ollie and Madame Juliet were very **HAPPY** to meet Tom Look, and greeted him with open arms. Tom Look revealed himself to be a real **animal** lover, and wanted to hear everything Dr. Ollie was doing at Pawsome Pets to **HELP** the animals.

"Now I'll tell you why I'm here," the famous designer said when he was finished touring the **clinic**. "My Fashion Academy could help you make up for the damages caused by the storm. My students and I can contribute to the **fabumouse work** you carry out every day. What do you say?"

Dr. Ollie and Madame Juliet were astonished at the designer's generous offer.



Tom Look began to explain his idea.

"We'll organize a charity auction at the **FASHION ACADEMY**! That way we'll be able to raise money to fix the roof and buy new equipment for your clinic."

"**A charity auction?**"

**Fantastic!**

Madame Juliet exclaimed.

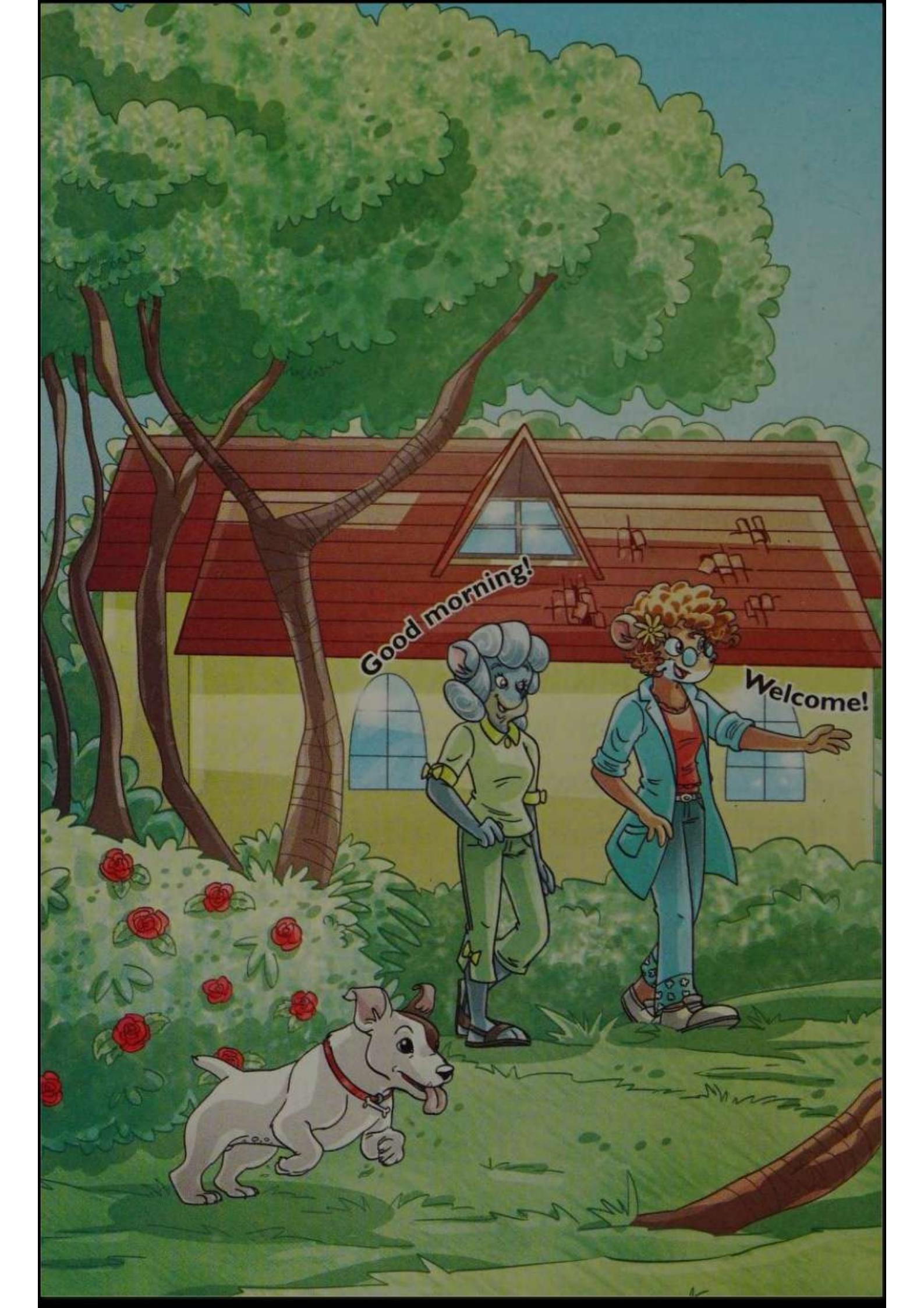
"**What a great idea!**"

"The students in my fashion class will **split** into groups, and each group will make an original and exclusive design,"



Tom Look continued eagerly. "All the clothes will be put up for auction during the **gala event** at the Academy. The invited guests will make their **BIDS**, and all the proceeds will go to the Pawsome Pets animal clinic!"

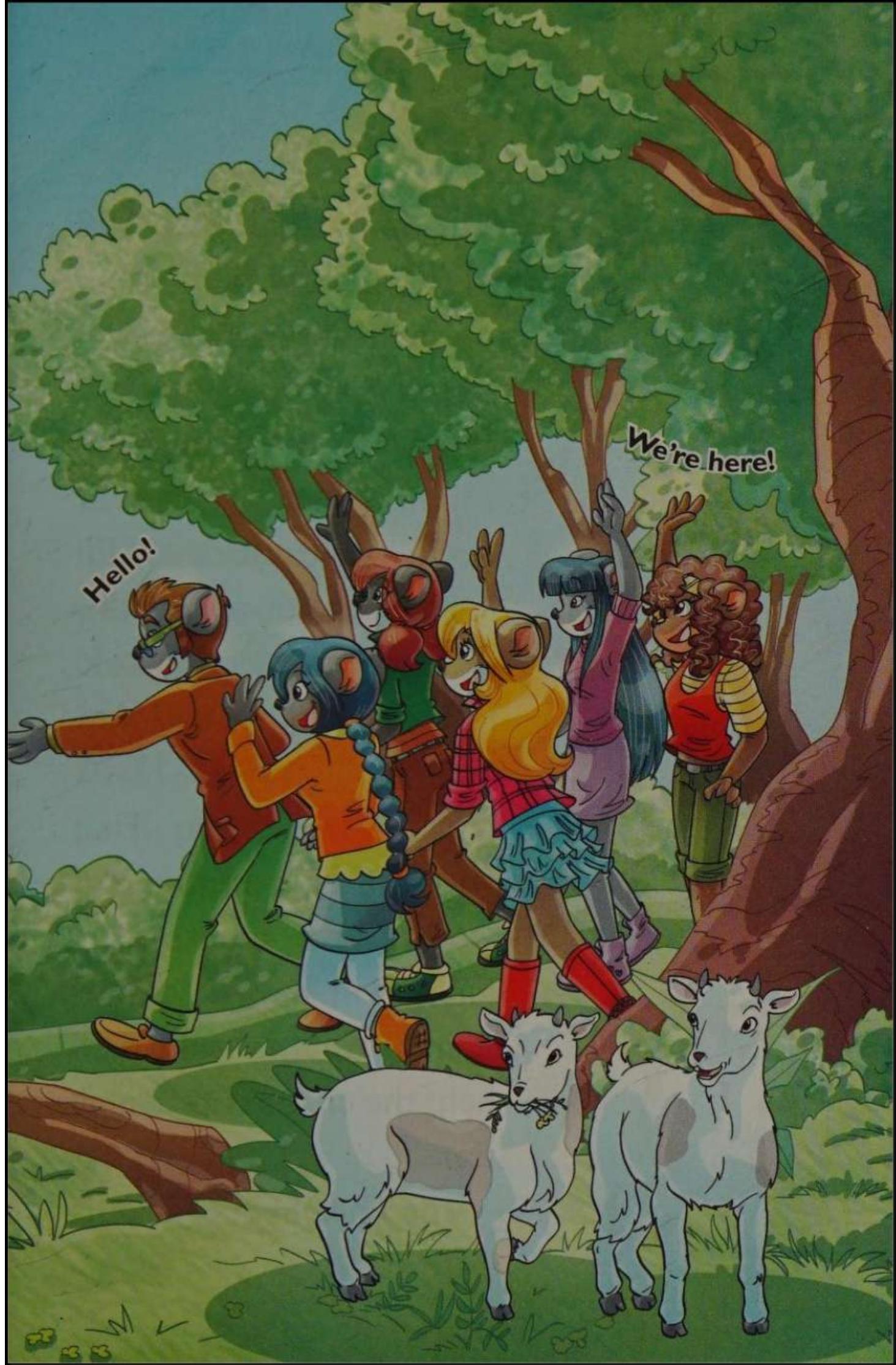
"**WOW!**" the Thea Sisters exclaimed.



Good morning!

Welcome!







“That’s an amazing idea!”

Tom Look winked at them.

“Obviously, the students will be **graded** on their work,” he explained. “I’ll invite some of my friends from the fashion world to form the jury, and they will **vote on the best outfits**. That way, with just a little hard work, some mouselets I know will have a chance to improve their grade and help the clinic at the same time!”

The Thea Sisters’ snouts



turned **red**, and they thanked the designer under their breath.

The next day in class, Tom Look explained his **idea** to the other students.

"The theme of the clothing that I'd like you to create is '**The Beauty of Nature**'.

Each piece of clothing will be graded by the jury based on how pleased the guests of the **gala** are."

The students in the class were very





**excited** at the idea. The Ruby Crew was especially pleased. The mouselets **smirked** at one another, certain they would get a good grade this time around as well.

*“Come on, sisters, it’s time to get to work!”* Colette told her friends at the end of class.

It was time to put their **natural talent** to the test!



# AN EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT

In the next few days, all the students at the Academy **worked** hard. The Thea Sisters in particular dedicated every free moment outside of class and homework to making their **OUTFIT** for the charity auction.

"I think the **DESIGN** is good," Pamela said in her room, looking carefully at the sketch of a dress that was reminiscent of **flower petals**. "What do you think?"

Violet, who was with her, nodded. "I agree."

Nicky agreed, too, and added, "I've got an idea! To keep with the theme even more, we could use a **one-hundred percent natural fabric**, like cotton,



that hasn't been treated with harmful products. That's more **environmentally friendly!**"

After having participated in various Green Mice **seminars**, Nicky had become an expert on small and large solutions that help **respect nature**.

"That's a great idea!" Pam said enthusiastically. "**Colette** will really like it, too. By the way, what happened to Colette?"

The question hung in the **air** for a few moments, and no one said anything. Then the answer came as Colette **entered** the room, out of breath. She was waving the latest issue of **COSMOUSE**, her favorite



fashion magazine, which she had just received.

“I can’t believe it, I can’t believe it, I can’t believe it!” she squeaked, jumping around happily.

“Hey, remember to **BREATHE!**” Pam joked.

“And to tell us what’s making you so **happy**,” Violet added, curious.

With a radiant smile, Colette opened *Cosmouse* and pointed to the letter from the editor by **Anna Winmouse** on the first page.

“This is why!” the mouselet cried. “Come on, read this, and tell me if it’s not **absolutely marvemouse!**”

Pam, Violet, Paulina, and Nicky listened to their friend as Colette read the **article** aloud.

“Crackers and cheese, that is really



## Letter from the Editor

Anna Winmouse

Geo-Friendly and Chic Fashion  
An Initiative

Dear readers,

My friend Tom Look has organized a charity auction at his Fashion Academy on Whale Island to benefit the Pawsome Pets animal clinic, and *Cosmouse* has decided to do its part. This magazine will sponsor the auction and we will dedicate an entire article in our next issue to the best outfit. Stay tuned!

Anna

super fantastic!" said Pam.

"Our dress could end up in **COSMOUSE** magazine!" Violet cried.

Paulina was about to say something when she received a message on her cell phone. It was from Dr. Ollie.

"Is something wrong?" Colette asked,

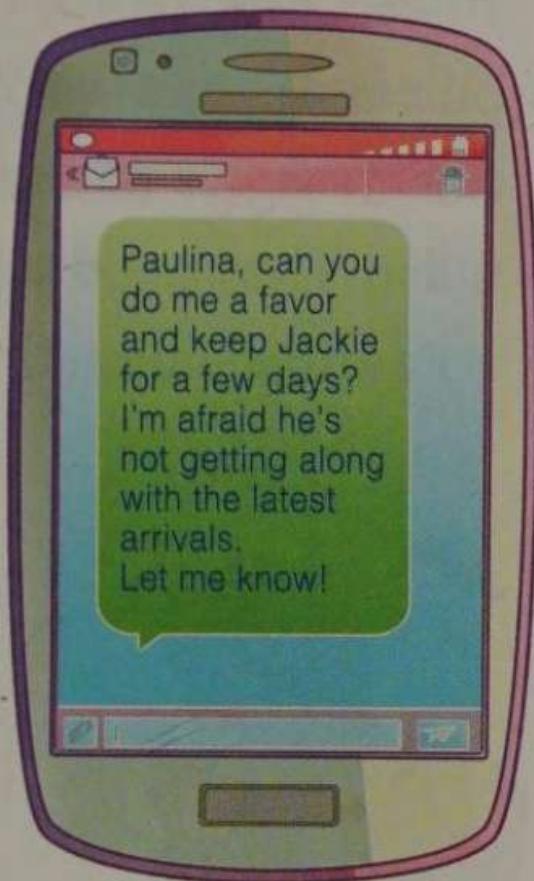


looking at her friend. Paulina was lost in **thought**. She shook her snout.

"Not really," she said. "But I promised Dr. Ollie that I would help take care of **Jackie** until she found someone to **adopt him**. But with this whole charity auction now, I'm not really sure I'll be able to."

"Poor Jackie — he's a lively puppy, and he's a bit **JEALOUS** of the attention Dr. Ollie gives the raccoons!" Nicky remembered.

Paulina nodded.





**“DON’T WORRY,”** Violet said, putting a paw on her back. “We’ll handle the **dress**, and you go to Jackie and Dr. Ollie. They need you down there!”

Paulina scurried out, relieved.



Right at that moment, Ruby was walking down the **HALL**. She peeked through the door that Paulina had left ajar, throwing a curious look at Colette, who was again **JUMPING** and **POINTING** to the *Cosmouse* article.



"Why is she so happy?" Ruby muttered. "Is she really so sure she'll win?!"

She decided that she had to see the Thea Sisters' outfit **sketch** no matter what it took.

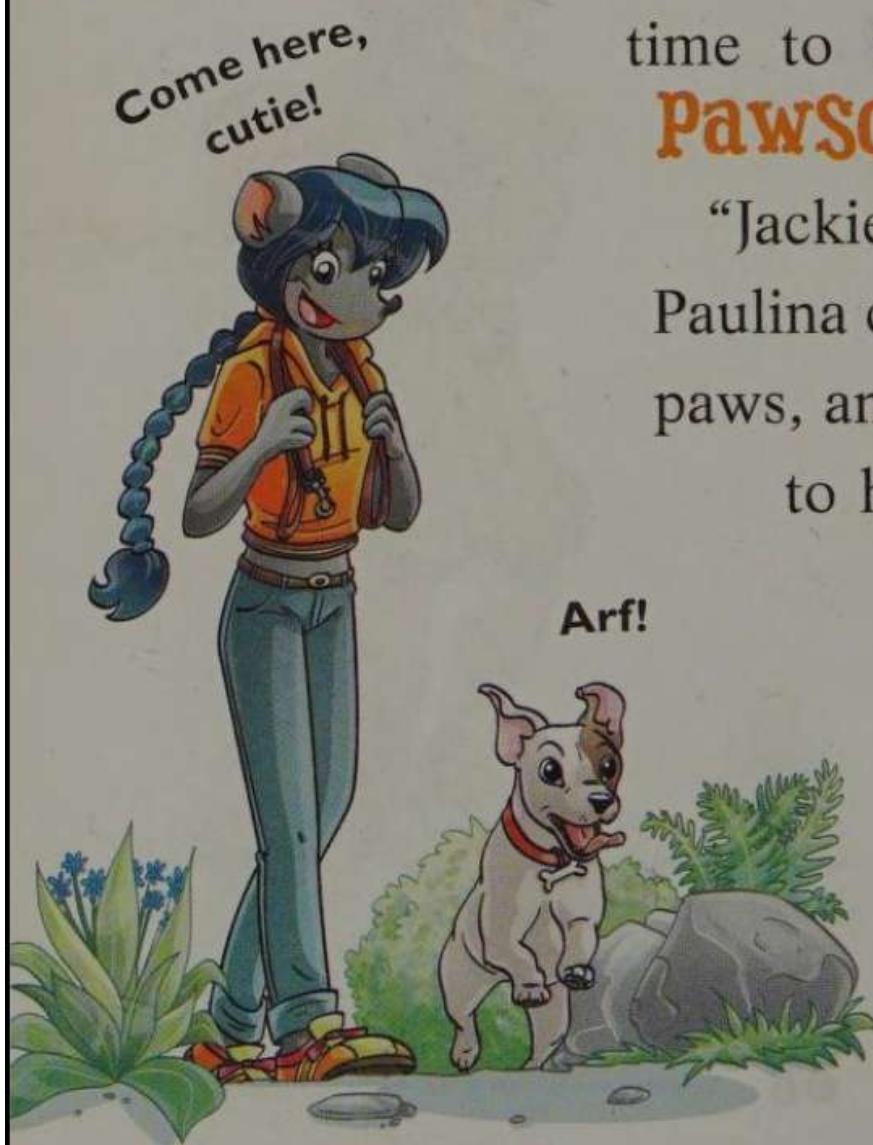


# FOUR PAWS MEAN TROUBLE

Paulina smiled down at Jackie, who was running happily through the **GARDENS** of Mouseford Academy. She and the puppy had taken a long walk and now it was time to take him back to **Pawsome Pets**.

“Jackie, come here, boy!” Paulina called, clapping her paws, and the puppy began to happily **jump** all around her.

Just then a familiar **SQUEAK** called out, “Hi, Paulina!”





Paulina turned around and saw Tanja, who was passing by with three **BIG** books under her arm.

"Hi, Tanja! What are those **BOOKS**?"

"My group and I are working on a **DRESS** for the charity auction," Tanja explained. "I was just at the library to pick up these catalogs of nature **photography**. I hope they'll help inspire us!"

"That's a great way to start!" Paulina exclaimed. "We've been working on our dress, too, but I had to take a break to go and get Jackie. See? We're out for a **walk** now."

"**JACKIE?**" Tanja asked, curious.  
"**WHO'S JACKIE?**"

Paulina giggled and answered, "Well, it's him!"

But when she turned to **Point** to Jackie

rolling around in the grass, she realized the puppy had disappeared.

“**Jackie!** Where did you **GO**?” Paulina squeaked frantically, looking around. But after a moment she breathed a **sigh of relief**. “There he is!”

The puppy had taken advantage of Paulina’s distraction to **JUMP** into the fountain and take a little **bath**.

“Oh no!” Paulina exclaimed. “Now you’re **all wet!**”



Paulina pulled Jackie out of the fountain, said a quick **good-bye** to Tanja, and headed into the school. Then she wrapped the

puppy in a **TOWEL** and headed toward Colette and Pamela's room, where the other Thea Sisters were still **working** on their design.

"I don't know, it seems like something's missing," Colette said to her friends, looking at the **sketch**.

"Coco, will you lend me your fur dryer with the super-delicate **AiR STREAM**?" Paulina asked her friend as she showed off a **wet** Jackie. "Someone decided to jump in the fountain."

"Of course!" Colette responded, looking at the puppy **TENDERLY** as she put the sketch on the bed.

But Jackie, looking at Colette's soft **quilt**, freed himself from Paulina's arms and jumped onto the bed, putting his paws everywhere.

**"NO, JACKIE! GET DOWN RIGHT NOW!"** Paulina cried out, while her friends darted over to save the sketch.

But Jackie was **faster** and jumped right on it, crumpling everything and putting damp **paw prints** all over it.

In the end, the sketch was completely **RUINED**.



Paulina felt defeated. "I'm so sorry — I never should have brought him here!" she said, grabbing the **puppy**. He started licking her face affectionately.

Colette reassured her. "**Don't worry, we can always make another sketch!**"

Paulina picked up the design to get a better look.



"I could **dry it** off," she said, hopeful.

"We'll help you!" Nicky proposed.

"No, I'll do it myself so you can take a **BREAK** — you've been working all afternoon!" Paulina responded, and without waiting for an answer, she **ran** to her room with Jackie, Colette's fur dryer, and the sketch.

She was so caught up in the **LITTLE DISASTER** that she didn't notice that her walk down the hallway had attracted Ruby's attention.

"That's the Thea Sisters' sketch!" the young Flashyfur muttered, grinning wickedly. "I can just sneak a **TINY PEEK** . . ."

Ruby approached Paulina and, with an exaggerated smile, said, "Look how much stuff you have! Do you need **help** carrying something?"

Then, before Paulina could respond, Ruby grabbed at the **DESIGN**. Jackie, seeing her approach and thinking she wanted to pet him, **licked** Ruby's snout.

"Yuck!" Ruby yelled, jumping back — without letting go of the sketch.

"**CAREFUL!**" Paulina cried.

But it was too late.



The paper ended up **ripping**, and Jackie took advantage of the confusion to run down the corridor all the way to the stairs.

**"CHEESE NIBLETS! RUBY, DO YOU SEE WHAT YOU DID?!"** Paulina said angrily.

"Well, that sketch wasn't anything special! Plus it was all wet and **CRUMPLED**," the mouselet responded drily.

"I'm not talking about the sketch!" Paulina yelled, running off. "I meant that

**you LET  
JACKIE  
GET away!"**



# JACKIE, WHERE ARE YOU?

"Jackie!" Paulina called out desperately.

"**Jackie!**" Colette, Nicky, Violet, and Pam echoed as they went down to the **GARDENS** to help their friend.





But there was no **sign** of the puppy anywhere.

"Don't worry, Paulina," Colette said. "You know Jackie likes to **hide**, that little rascal. He must be here somewhere, ready to pop out and surprise you!"

Paulina sighed. "I wish I had your **OPTIMISM**,

Coco," she replied.

"But the fact is I'm a terrible dogsitter! My job was to look after Jackie, and instead I let him get **AWAY!**"

The Thea Sisters didn't stop **SEARCHING**

for a moment. They looked in every bush and under every bench,





calling out for the **PUP**. They also stopped to ask everyone who passed if they'd seen him.

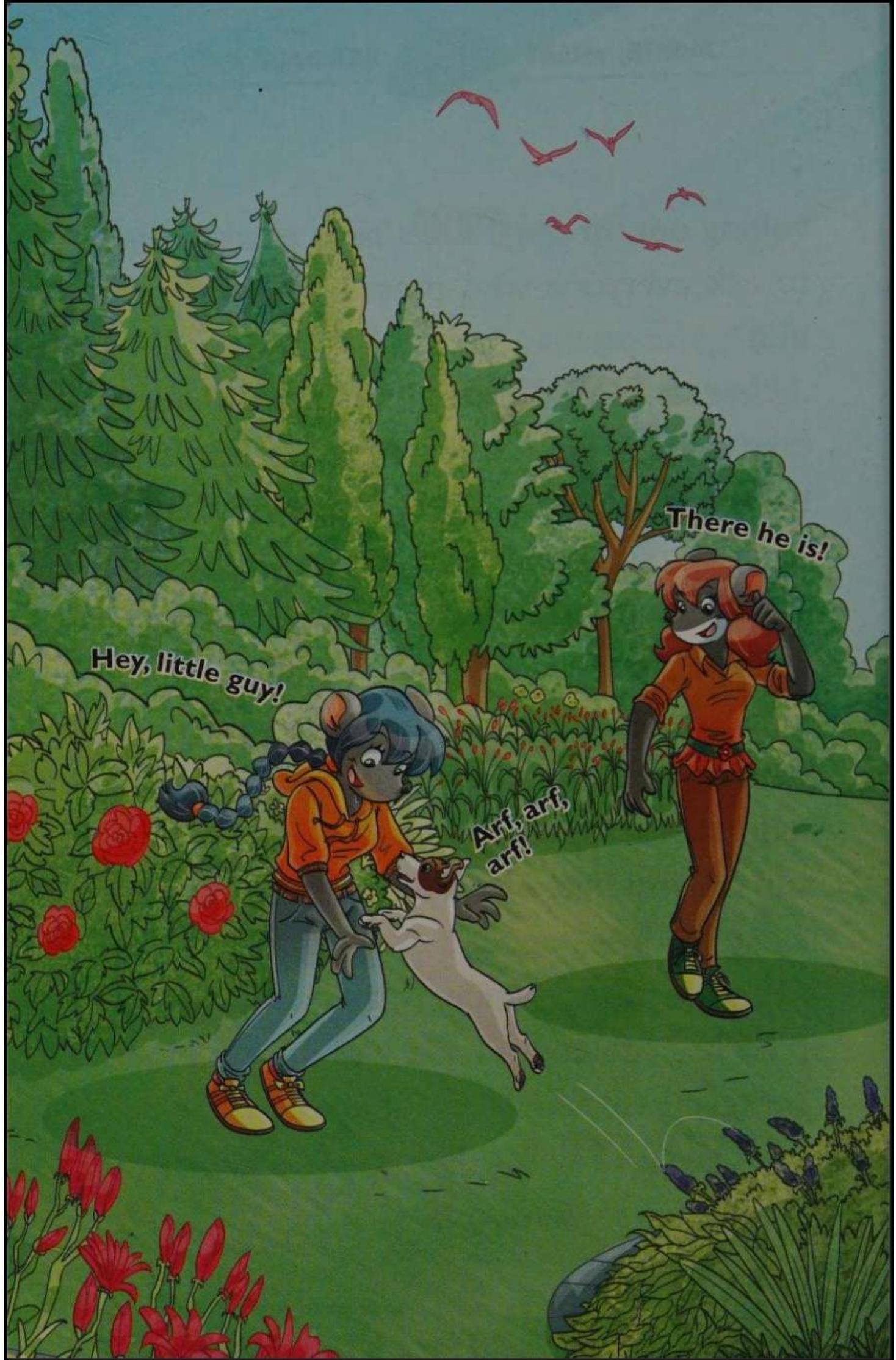
"I was **wrong** to think that I could take care of him when I'm at school and busy doing a million other things," Paulina said. "A puppy needs an owner who spends quality time with him **every day** . . ."

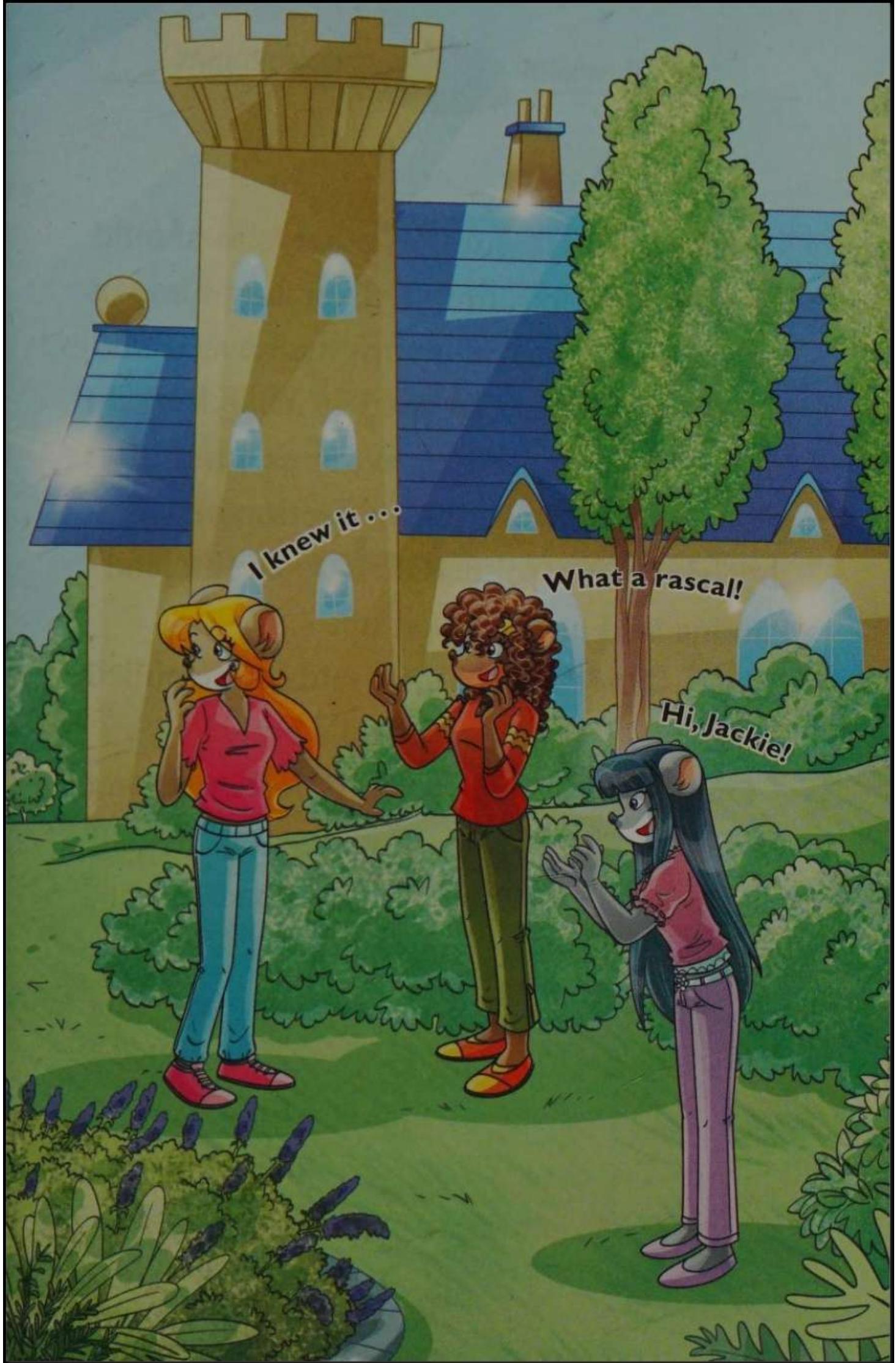
Nicky nodded and said, "Well, first we have to find him, and then we can look for an owner to adopt him. You've done your best, and I'm sure Jackie is very **GRATEFUL!**"

In the distance, a **happy bark** confirmed Nicky's words.

Paulina turned suddenly, and a look of joy filled her snout — Jackie was crawling out of a bush! He **SPRINTED** into her paws.

**"HOOORAY!"** the Thea Sisters all cried, relieved.





I knew it ...

What a rascal!

Hi, Jackie!



Paulina wasn't sure whether she should scold Jackie for running off or hug him. In the end, she was so happy to have found him they ended up **playing** happily on the lawn. Paulina even got down on the grass to rub Jackie's belly affectionately.

"Thanks for your **help**, mouselets!" Paulina said as she stood up.

"**Of course!**" Violet said as she pulled some grass out of her friend's braid.

Only then did Paulina look at her **clothes**. "Rats! I stained my jeans!" she gasped. Paulina's pants had turned **totally green** on the knees!

"Don't worry," Colette said with a giggle. "You just need some **castile soap** and that grass stain will come right out."

"I don't know what I would do without you all!" Paulina said, smiling.

JACKIE, WHERE

ARE YOU?



"Well, that's what friends are for: to help one another!" Violet smiled.

"All I've done is cause trouble today, and I didn't even help with the **DRESS** for the auction," Paulina continued.

Hearing those words, Colette **lit up**. Then she looked carefully at her friend.





Paulina had **grass stains** on her knees and she was holding Jackie tightly in her arms.

“Actually, you just gave me a fabumouse idea!” Colette exclaimed, **SMILING** brightly. “Now I know how to make our dress for the auction truly **unique!**”



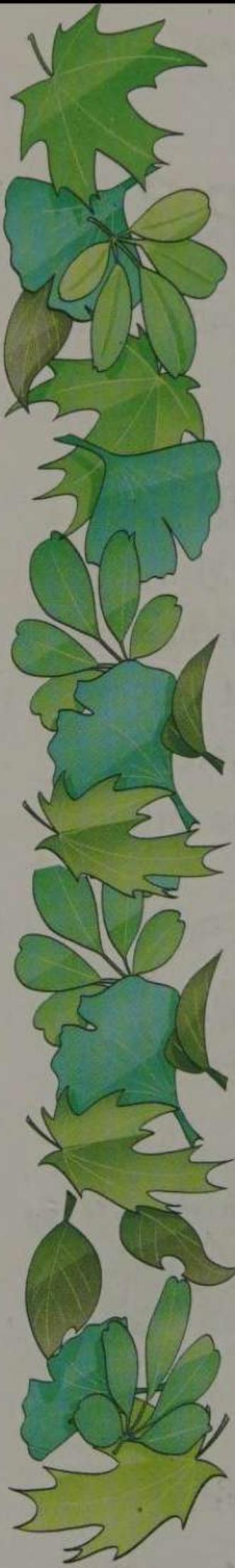
# NATURE'S COLORS

**"Great Gouda, what is she up to?"**

Pam asked, glancing at Colette.

Colette was carefully putting Violet's **teapot**, a basin, and a pawful of leaves on the desk. First, she prepared a strange **GREEN INFUSION**. Then, as the other Thea Sisters looked on in confusion, she put the natural cotton **FABRIC** she had bought for the auction dress into the basin and poured the liquid on it, adding a few **drops of vinegar**.





Meanwhile, Paulina had taken the two pieces of the **ripped** and **CRUMPLED** sketch and was copying the design onto a clean sheet of paper.

Jackie, exhausted from all that running and jumping, had finally **fallen asleep** on a flowery pillow.

“And here we go . . . **the magic of nature!**” Colette said, satisfied. She showed off the piece of fabric.

“Holey Swiss cheese!” Nicky exclaimed. “The fabric turned green from the **INFUSION!**”

“I like it!” said Pam.

“Yeah . . . I’m speechless!” Violet added. “It’s a **Fabumouse**



**color**: delicate and natural."

"And I'm glad I contributed to the **idea!**" said Paulina, relieved.

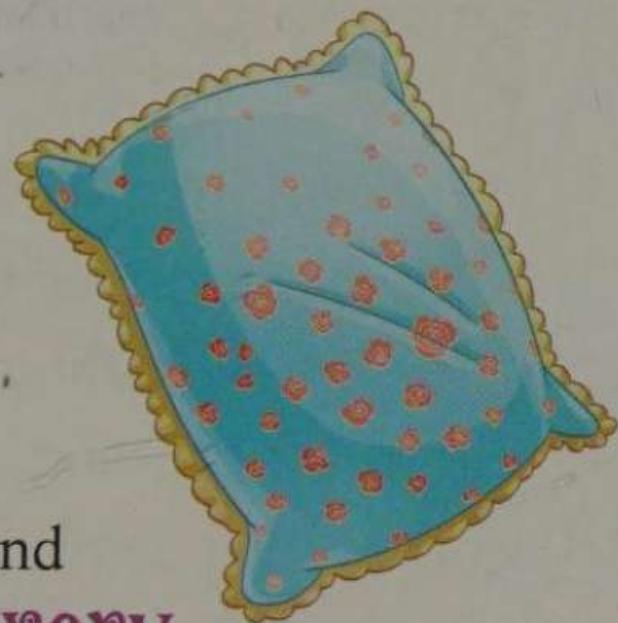
Colette smiled. "I'm so glad you like it!" she squeaked. "So, if we all agree, the bodice of the dress will be **green**."

She looked at the sketch and the fabric thoughtfully.

"But I still think there's something missing . . ." she said.

Meanwhile, Paulina looked over at Jackie, and her eyes fell on the **flowery pillow**.

"I've got it!" she called out, inspired. "Let's add a lot of **little flowers** to the bodice!"





Immediately Colette sat next to her and began to finish the **sketch**.

"Yes, I would make them starting at the straps and then going down like this," she explained as she drew a **floral design** on the bodice.

The other Thea Sisters gave their enthusiastic approval: the design was **perfect!**

Finally, after days of intense work, the **dress** was ready.

"I think you should be the one to model the dress during the charity auction," Colette told Paulina. "It's thanks to you that it came out so well: you reminded us that **together**, we can turn even a semi-disaster into a success!"

Pam, Violet, and Nicky nodded, and Paulina turned **PINK**.

It's stunning ...

We've done it,  
mouselets!

Wow!

Beautiful!

Yes!

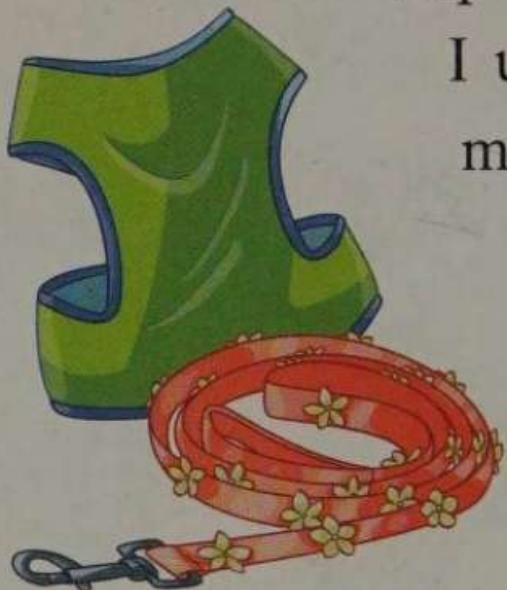




"Thanks, sisters!" Paulina said, smiling **brightly**. "But really it's all thanks to **Jackie!**"

The five mice laughed happily.

"You're right, Jackie did help," Colette responded happily. "And that's why I used the leftover **fabric** to make something for him, too."



She gave Paulina a package. Inside was a **green harness** with a **flowery** leash.

"It's **beautiful!**"

Paulina exclaimed. "This way, Jackie can model with me!"

"Exactly!" the others cheered as they pulled Paulina into a group **hug**.

# A SPECIAL FASHION SHOW



"We've done our best, and now I just have to be **calm**," Paulina whispered to herself as she waited for the fashion show to begin.

She **crossed** her paws behind her back for **luck**.

"Everything will be okay."

She **PEEKED** out from behind the curtains at the **important** guests in the front row.

"Look, there's Anna Winmouse!"

Colette exclaimed, peeking out along with her.





But the thought of all those rodents from the fashion world who had come to the show made Paulina nervous that she might make a **bad impression**.

*What if I trip? Or fall? And what if Jackie gets away?* she thought, imagining each **possibility** in detail.

Ruby was also there to add to her **anxiety**. She approached and made a face as she looked at the dress the Thea Sisters had made.

“**What is that?**” she sneered. She was wearing a sparkly dress reminiscent of **BUTTERFLY WINGS**, with a big bow on the back. “The color looks so **messy**. My dress, on the other paw, is made of pure silk. The fabric comes from Italy!”

“Ruby, you don’t get it,” Colette intervened.

There are  
so many mice!

Scared?!

This is the big  
moment!



"The beauty of **NATURAL DYE** is that it makes every piece unique and one of a kind!"

Ruby was about to respond, but at that moment, Dr. Ollie and Madame Juliet arrived. Madame Juliet was very **elegant** in her vintage evening dress, and Dr. Ollie, who was used to wearing more casual clothes, seemed a little uncomfortable in her **aqua sheath dress**, even though she looked beautiful.

"We came to bring you your **four-pawed** model," Dr. Ollie said, petting Jackie. He was wearing his new harness and leash.

"That's a **marvelous dress**," Madame Juliet added. "And we're certain the auction will be a success!"

"Thanks for your **encouragement** —



it's very important to us." Colette smiled.  
"The truth is, we're a little nervous!  
Especially Paulina, who has to **WALK**  
down the runway in front of everyone."

Madame Juliet gently put her paw on  
Paulina's shoulder and led her once more to  
look out at the **AUDIENCE**.





“Look, dear. This event tonight and the fashion show are all **thanks to you**. Dr. Ollie and I will always be grateful — never forget that!”

Paulina smiled, feeling more confident. She saw Dr. Ollie pointing to **Jackie**. The puppy seemed really proud of his new harness and looked around, **SATISFIED**.

At that moment, Tom Look entered the backstage area of the fashion show, holding a **paper** with the schedule of the evening and the order of the models on it.

“**Are you all ready?**” he asked, smiling at the students who were preparing to walk. “Good. Remember: After I introduce **Dr. Ollie** and **Madame Juliet**, each model will walk down the runway, but once you reach the end, don’t turn back. You will stop next to me and introduce your clothing.”





Then I will begin the auction and the **PUBLIC** will make offers on the clothes. Whoever offers the highest amount will win and bring the item home.”

All the **students** nodded in understanding. “All right, then,” Tom Look said. “Let’s make it work!” And he went out onto the stage.

## “LADIES AND GENTLEMICE, GOOD EVENING!

“Thank you for being here. It is an honor for me to introduce Dr. Ollie and Madame Juliet, of the **Pawsome Pets animal clinic**.”

“It’s our turn!” Madame Juliet squeaked with excitement.

“I still can’t believe it!” Dr. Ollie whispered, a big **smile** on her snout.



Watching them go up onstage to the sound of all that **applause** made the Thea Sisters feel really proud. At that moment, **BAD GRADES** or **mistakes** on the runway didn't scare them because one thing was clear: two special mice (along with many **Lucky animals**) would get the help they needed. It would be a dream come true.





“Mouselets, remember that whatever happens out there on the runway today,

**WE'VE ALREADY WON!**

Colette squeaked decisively.

The Thea Sisters joined paws one final time before Pauline stepped to the edge of the **runway**.

“Good luck!” Violet squeaked.

“We’ll be **cheering** for you!” Pam added, a bright smile on her snout.



## NATURE ON THE RUNWAY

When Tom Look called her name, Ruby Flashyfur smiled confidently as she **strode out** on the runway.

The Thea Sisters looked on in **admiration**: Ruby was always Ruby, but you had to admit that her dress was truly **beautiful**.

Everyone in the audience seemed to really appreciate her creation, and they **applauded** enthusiastically.

“Fabumouse!” Tom Look squeaked once the mouselet had finished her walk. “Let’s start the charity auction! Ruby, please introduce the **dress** that your group created.”



Introduce  
your dress!



“For my — er, for *our* dress, we were inspired by **butterflies** because they are definitely my — er, *our* favorite animals,” Ruby explained. “We used a very **fine silk**, and this design is the **latest fashion** in evening gowns.”

**Designers** and fashion **bloggers** who were present nodded in agreement.

“Who will offer the most for this dress?” Tom Look asked, and the audience members began to make their bids. Every time someone said a number, someone else **offered** even more.



"It's going great," Colette commented after **poking** her snout out from backstage. "Dr. Ollie and Madame Juliet will be so happy!"

"Ruby, too," Paulina added. "Look how **CONFIDENT** she is on that stage! My **legs are shaking!**"

Her friends huddled around.

"Stay calm, sister," Pam said firmly. "We'll be here to **support you!**"

Next to the mouselets, Jackie **barked** happily. "See? Even Jackie is cheering you on!" Violet said, smiling.

Stay calm ... **We're here for you!**





Paulina looked at the pup and suddenly all her **stress** disappeared. “You’re right! I won’t be alone on the runway — you’ll be there behind me, and Jackie will be with me!”

At that moment, there was some **murmuring** from the fashion bloggers in the front row. Then one of the bloggers stood up.

“Excuse me, Mr. Look,” she began. “This is a truly **beautiful** design.”

Ruby smiled smugly.

“But I’m afraid I’m not convinced it’s **original**,” the blogger continued. “I saw a very similar design at a fashion show just a few weeks ago.”

Ruby suddenly looked as **PALE** as a slice of mozzarella.

Tom Look’s snout grew serious.



“I’ll certainly need to look into this,” he said. “We shouldn’t jump to any conclusions just yet. Is anyone willing to make a bid anyway, since the money is for a great cause?”

The Thea Sisters saw the famous **top model** Bianca raise her paw.

Tom Look smiled and exclaimed, “**SOLD!** Ruby’s group’s dress is sold to Bianca. Thank you for helping the animals.”

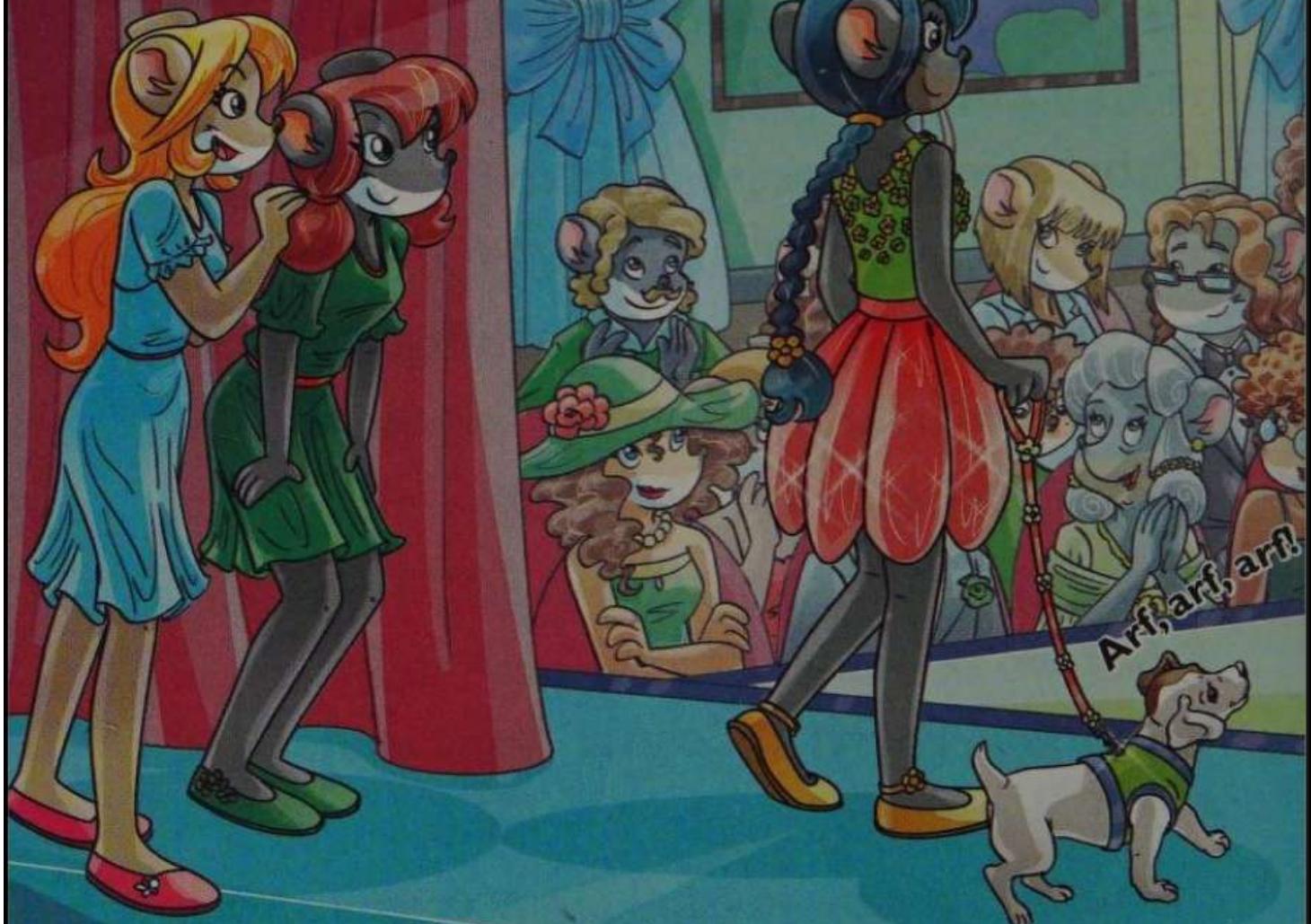
Ruby got off the stage looking defeated. The Thea Sisters were about to discuss the possibility that Ruby’s group had cheated when Tom Look called out, “And now . . . **PAULINA!**”

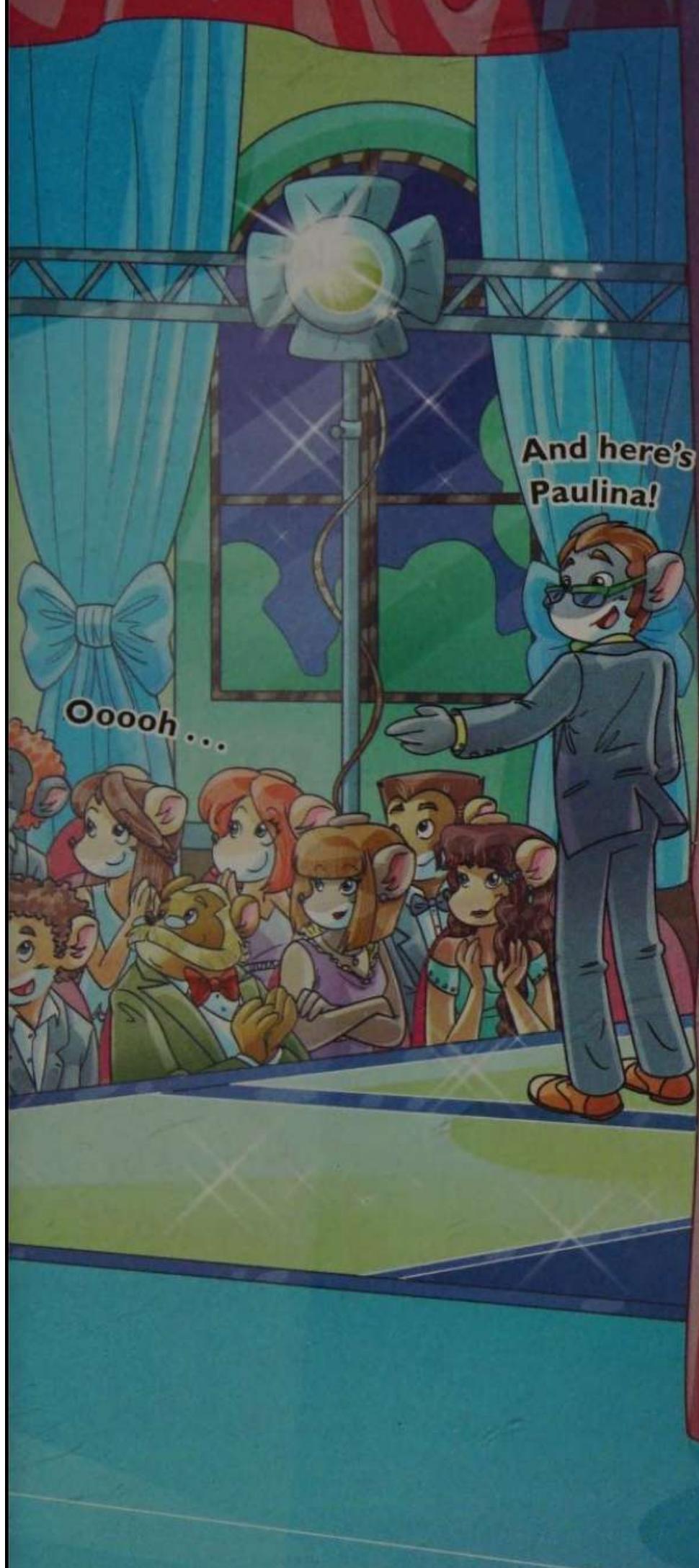
“Forget Ruby!” Colette squeaked. “It’s **your** moment!”

Paulina began to shake once again, but then she looked at her friends. She put

Go on!

I'm ready!





And here's  
Paulina!

Ooooh ...

We're here for you!



Jackie on the ground and smiled, saying, “It’s **OUR** moment!”

When she went out on the runway the **APPLAUSE** from the audience was really loud.

And Paulina didn’t trip — she walked **gracefully** along with Jackie, who scampered happily by her side.

“Paulina, tell us about the **DRESS** your group created,” Tom Look said.

The Thea Sisters, meanwhile, had come out from backstage and taken seats along the **RUNWay**. They gave Paulina encouraging looks.

“To create this dress, we were inspired by **nature** — and Jackie gave us a paw, too,” Paulina said, picking up the puppy. “**Playing** with him on a lawn gave us the idea to dye the fabric using leaves, to get a **natural**

NATURE ON

THE RUNWAY



color that was **friendly** to the environment.”

Soon the bidding on the dress began.

A famouse fashion blogger was about to win when someone **VERY SPECIAL** raised her paw to make a higher offer.

“***Anna Winmouse!***” Colette gasped, her eyes sparkling.

“**Sold!**” Tom Look cried out as he invited





the director of *Cosmouse* to the stage.

Anna Winmouse stood next to **PAULINA**. “I am very taken by your students’ work, Tom,” she said. “This dress tells the whole story of their **PASSION** for **NATURE**. The skirt shaped like flower petals is perfect for an elegant occasion, and the color is unique, with all the different shimmery, irregular **SHADES**. I will put it on the cover of my next issue of *Cosmouse*.”

Then, with a nod from Tom Look, Colette, Pam, Violet, and Nicky climbed onstage next to Paulina. Anna Winmouse congratulated all of them. “And the true **TOUCH OF CLASS** is the matching leash and harness for this fabumouse puppy! It’s a shame that I don’t have a **PUPPY** to give such an original accessory to.”

Hearing those words, Paulina lit up and



said, "Actually, Ms. Winmouse, **Jackie** is looking for a home, and —"

Right at that moment, the puppy **jumped** into the arms of the editor-in-chief of *Cosmouse*, **LICKING** her affectionately on the snout.

Anna Winmouse laughed, content. "Well, he seems to like me. I like him, too, and I would be happy to give him a home with me!"

Enthusiastic applause broke out at those words.

**It was a wonderful  
moment to top off  
a very special evening!**





# THE ANIMALS HEAD HOME

The next week, Dr. Ollie and Madame Juliet were finally able to bring the **animals** back to the clinic. Thanks to the donations from the guests of the **charity auction**, the two friends were able to repair the clinic roof and buy new equipment and toys for the **clinic** and the animals staying there.

Paulina was happy to have helped with all of it, but she was especially happy that Jackie had found a home. Still, she knew she would miss the **sweet little puppy** with all her heart!

"It seems that Anna Winmouse is already quite **FOND** of Jackie," Madame Juliet told the Thea Sisters as they gave her a paw





moving the **animals** from the villa back to the clinic.

"I'm sure Jackie will be very happy with her," Paulina said, smiling. "And he'll always have the most amazing outfits!"

"Can someone help me out with these **rascals**?" Dr. Ollie interrupted as she approached with the basket of **raccoons**.

"They certainly are cute," Nicky commented.

Dr. Ollie nodded. "Yes, and the **wildlife reserve** is a perfect place for them," she explained.

"They'll have a ton of space to run and play and have fun while they wait to go back to their

To the wildlife  
reserve!





## natural habitat."

Just then the doorbell rang. "Those must be the **RODENTS FROM THE RESERVE**," Dr. Ollie explained. "We have an appointment today!"

A moment later, two mice entered the clinic.

"Here are our **new friends!**" one of them said. "Dr. Ollie, you've done an excellent job with these raccoon cubs. I thank you in the name of all our staff for having **taken care** of them."

"Oh, but I was happy to do it!" Dr. Ollie responded. "I'm going to miss these rowdy raccoons so much!"

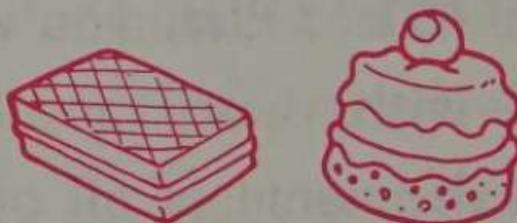
After saying good-bye to the **baby** raccoons, the Thea Sisters were alone with Dr. Ollie and Madame Juliet.

**"And now everyone come with**



me!" Madame Juliet said as she led them to seats in the living room. "I would say that we've all earned a break with

## SOME DELICIOUS TEA AND PASTRIES!,





## A FOUR-PAWED VIP

Violet was telling Dr. Ollie and Madame Juliet about the **excellent grade** that Tom Look gave them for their **petal dress**, and how Ruby got into trouble for stealing that design, when the doorbell of the villa rang once again.

Madame Juliet was startled. “Who could that be? I’m not expecting anyone . . .”

But Colette **lit up** and jumped to her feet. “We’ll find out right now!” she said, winking at the others and running to the door.

A few moments later, the mouselet entered the room with an **enormous grin** on her face, and something **hidden** behind her back.



"It was the mailmouse," she said. "He brought a nice surprise!"

**"Cheese sticks, Colette! Don't keep us waiting!"** Pam chuckled.

Colette showed them what she had in her paws. It was the latest issue of **COSMOUSE**, which Anna Winmouse had personally sent over! On the **cover** there was a model wearing the dress the Thea Sisters had made.

*"And just look at who we have here?"*

Colette added opening to the page with the letter from the editor.

"Well, isn't our friend photogenic!" Dr. Ollie exclaimed, pointing to **Jackie**.





The Thea Sisters nodded happily and then hugged one another. With a **GREAT IDEA** and a lot of hard work and collaboration, they had achieved a result that was worthwhile and marvemouse . . .

as marvemouse as  
their friendship!

Letter from the Editor

Anna Winmouse



A Furry New Friend

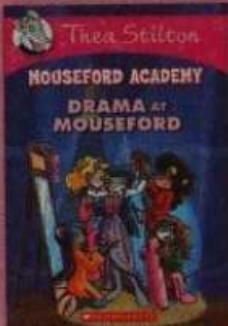
Dear readers,

I would like to introduce my new friend Jackie. He is a Jack Russell terrier puppy with a heart of gold. As I am learning, animals can make our lives more complete. I'm glad I can help give this special guy a new home.

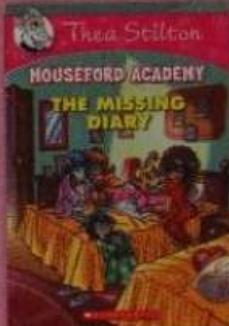
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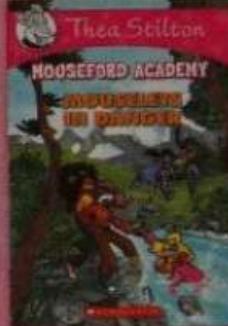
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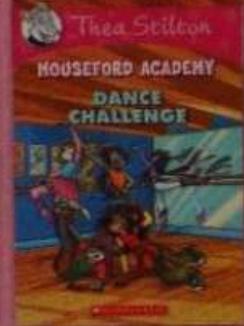
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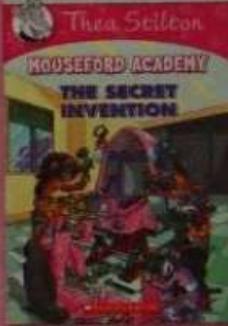
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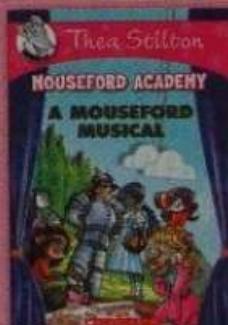
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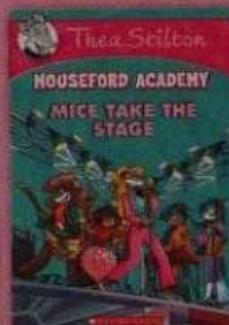
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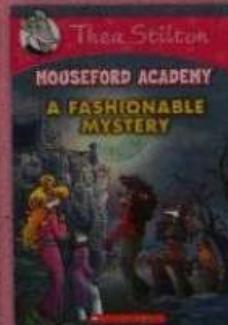
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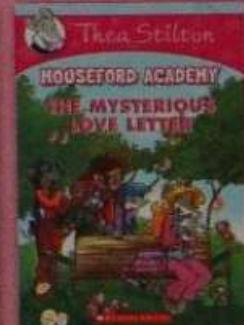
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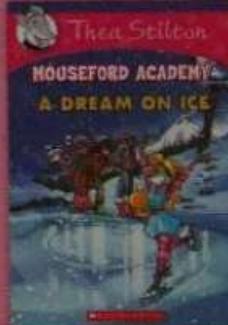
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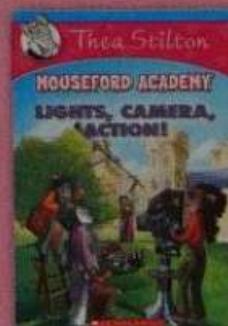
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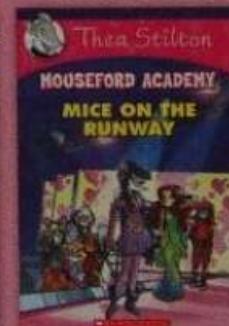
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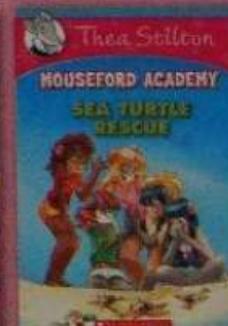
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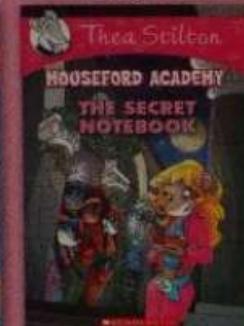
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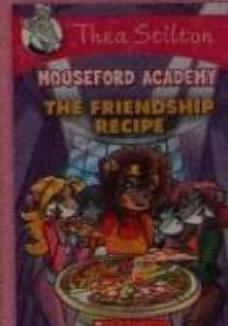
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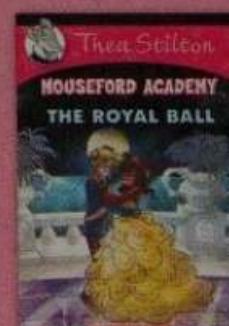
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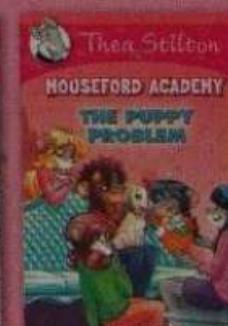
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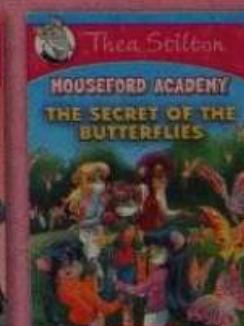
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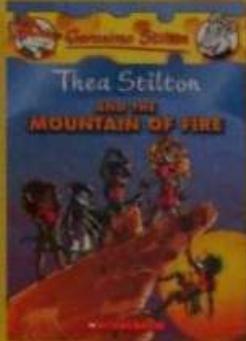
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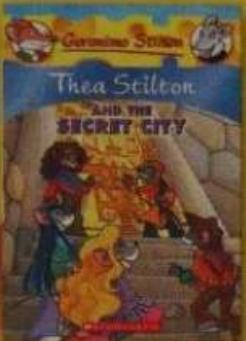
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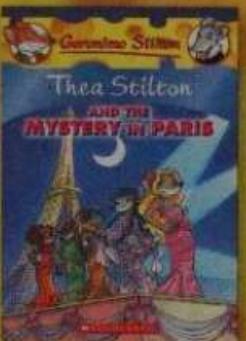
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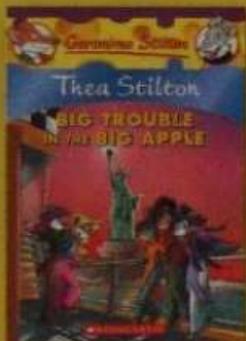
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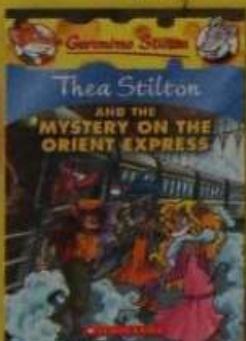
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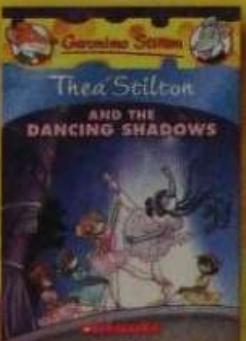
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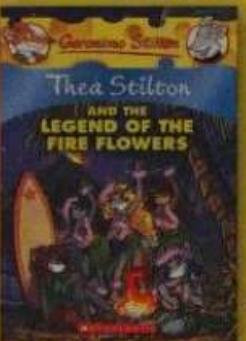
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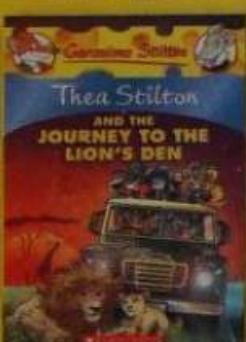
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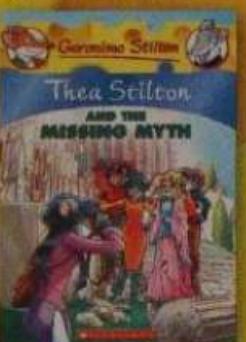
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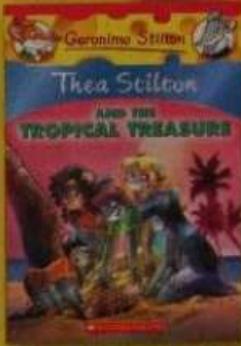
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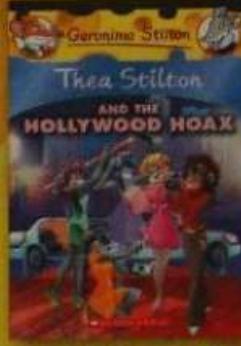
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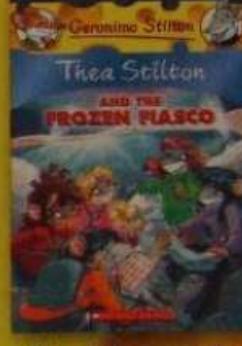
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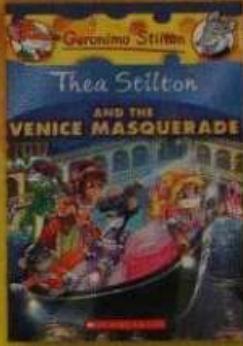
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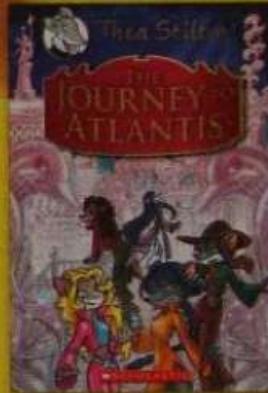


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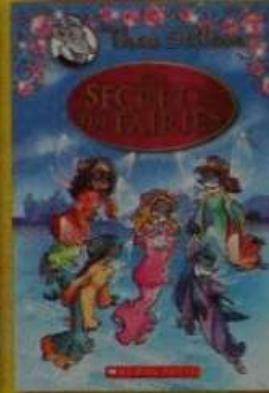


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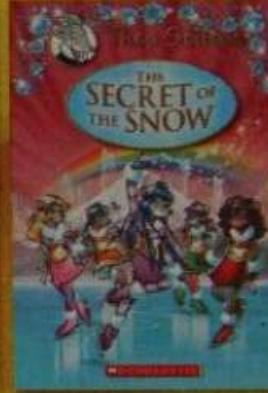
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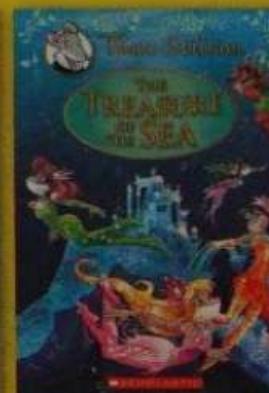
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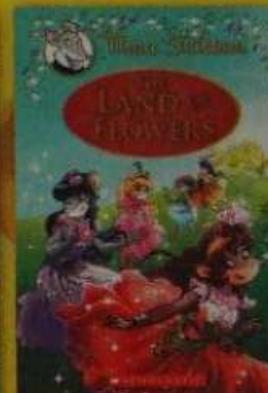
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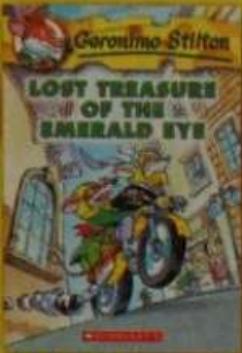


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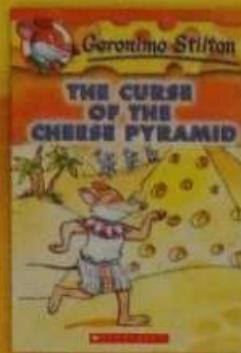


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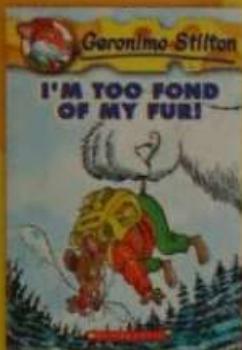
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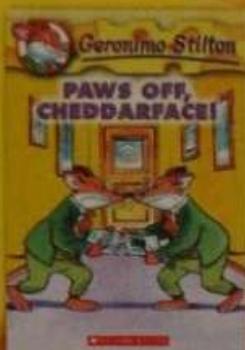
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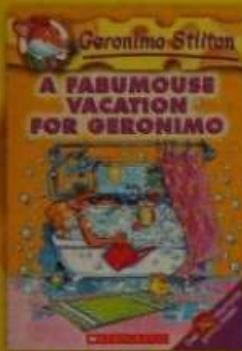
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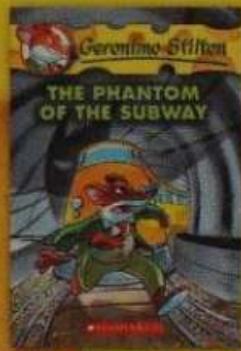
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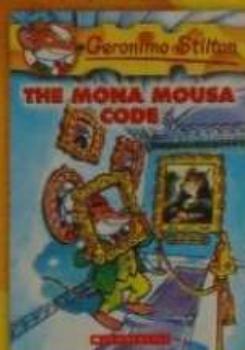
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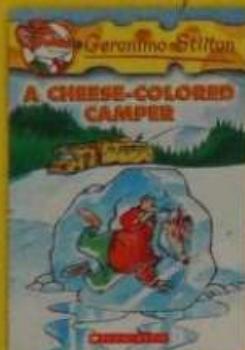
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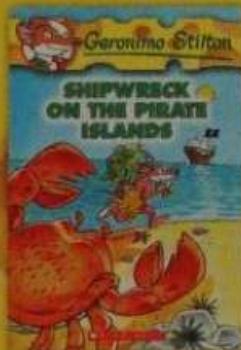
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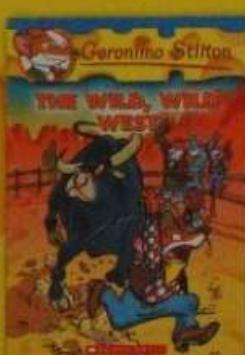
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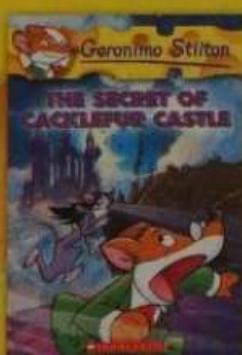
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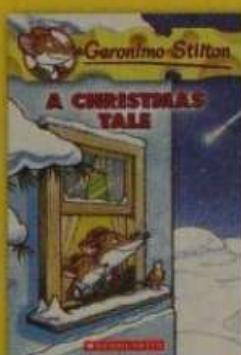
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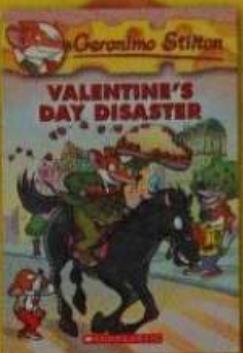
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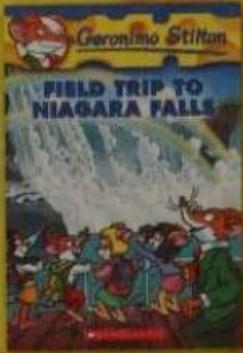
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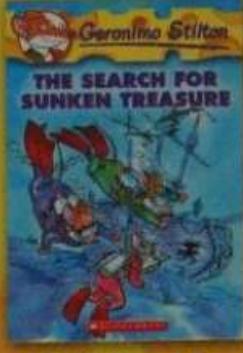
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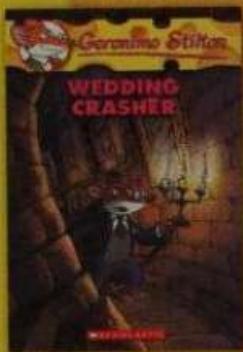
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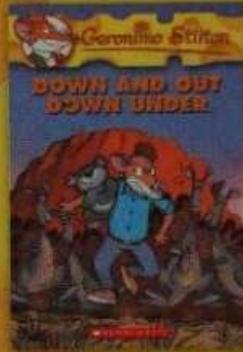
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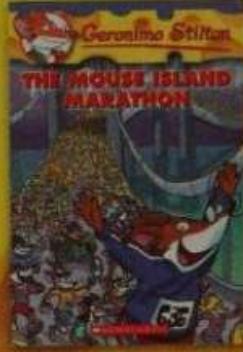
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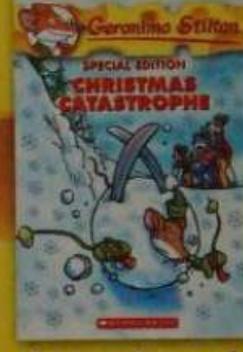
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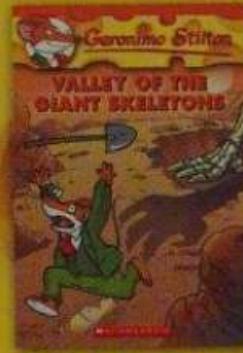
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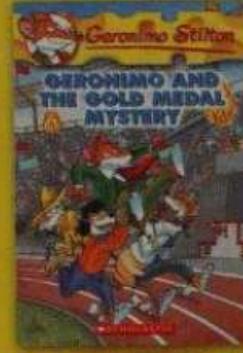
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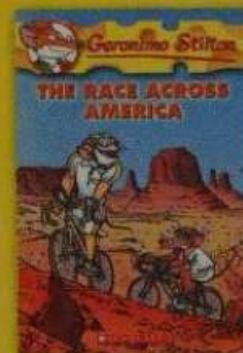
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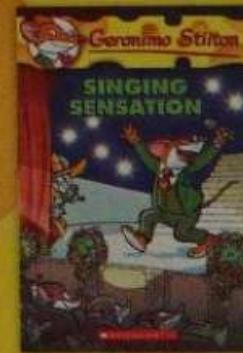
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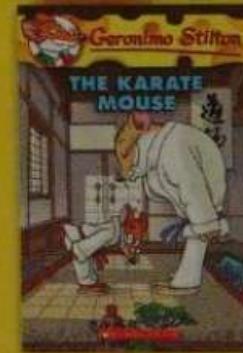
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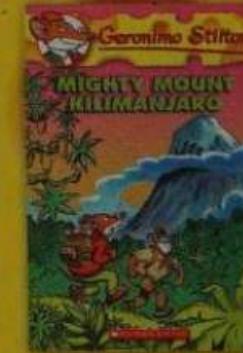
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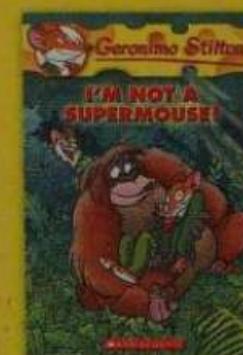
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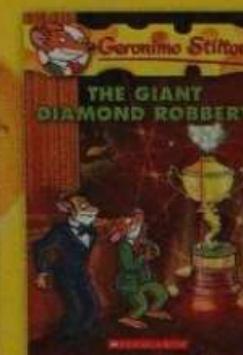
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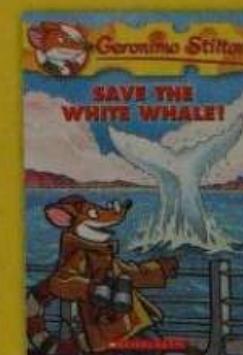
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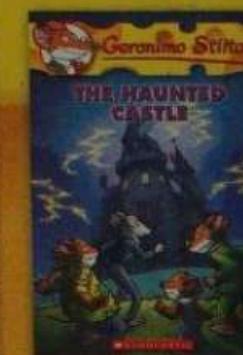
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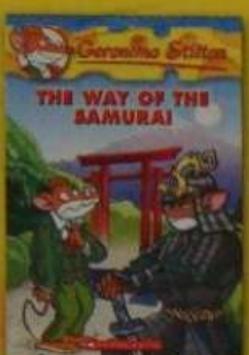
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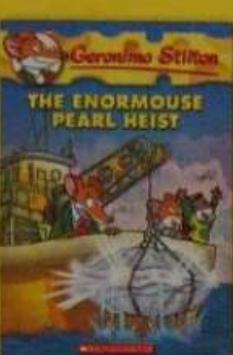
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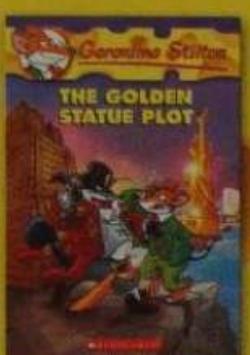
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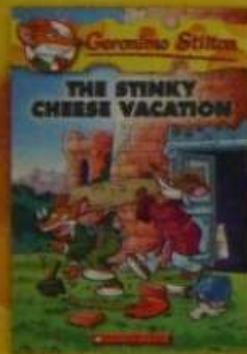
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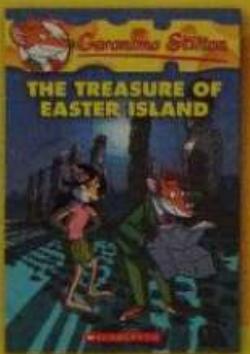
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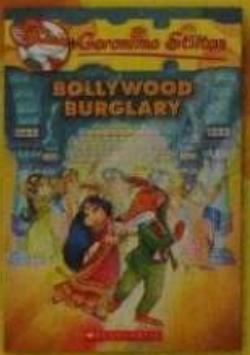
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#63 The Cheese  
Experiment



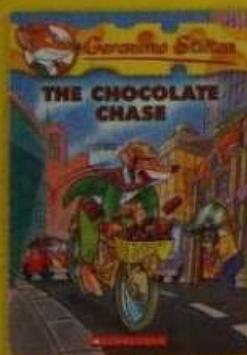
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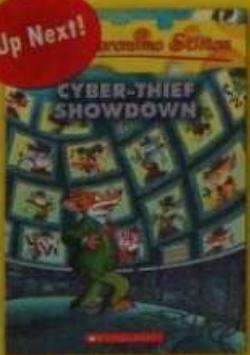
#65 Bollywood  
Burglary



#66 Operation:  
Secret Recipe



#67 The Chocolate  
Chase



#68 Cyber-Thief  
Showdown

Up Next!





WHALE ISLAND

# MAP OF WHALE ISLAND

- 1. Falcon Peak
- 2. Observatory
- 3. Mount Landslide
- 4. Solar Energy Plant
- 5. Ram Plain
- 6. Very Windy Point
- 7. Turtle Beach
- 8. Beachy Beach
- 9. Mouseford Academy
- 10. Kneecap River
- 11. Mariner's Inn
- 12. Port
- 13. Squid House
- 14. Town Square
- 15. Butterfly Bay
- 16. Mussel Point
- 17. Lighthouse Cliff
- 18. Pelican Cliff
- 19. Nightingale Woods
- 20. Marine Biology Lab
- 21. Hawk Woods
- 22. Windy Grotto
- 23. Seal Grotto
- 24. Seagulls Bay
- 25. Seashell Beach

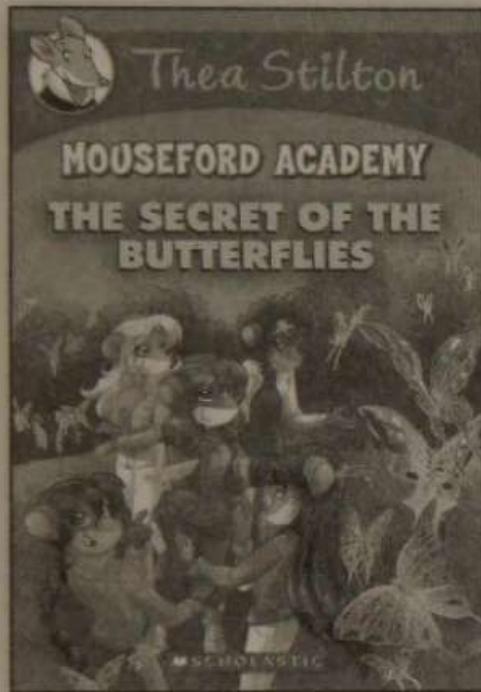
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NEXT ADVENTURE!



The Sisters



Be sure to check out  
the next adventure at  
Mouseford Academy!



## **THE SECRET OF THE BUTTERFLIES**

While exploring a remote part of Whale Island for a class project, the Thea Sisters stumble on a group of researchers studying migrating butterflies. Eager to learn more about the beautiful creatures, the mice volunteer as assistants. But when a TV crew shows up unexpectedly, there's drama in camp! The butterflies may be in danger, and it's up to the Thea Sisters to protect them. It's a colorful adventure they'll never forget!

The Thea Sisters are five students at Mouseford Academy on Whale Island. They are adventurous, lively, fun mice, and they want to become journalists someday. Between lessons and friendship, life at Mouseford Academy is incredibly fabumouse!



## THE PUPPY PROBLEM

When a storm damages the Pawsome Pets animal clinic, the Thea Sisters jump in to help. Soon the five friends are designing a dress for a charity fashion show to raise money for repairs. But Paulina's extra busy — she's also offered to take care of an exuberant puppy named Jackie! Can the Thea Sisters raise funds for the clinic and find Jackie a new home?

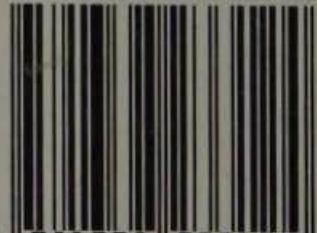
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